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LEAC rate hike next week

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The continued price spike in world oil prices will result in an increase in the Commonwealth's levelized energy adjustment charge, or LEAC, effective next week.

Charles Warren, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. chief financial officer, said yesterday that the new LEAC rate is a 7.7258-percent increase over the existing LEAC rate of $0.30550 per kWh. This translates to an increase of $0.0236 per kilowatt-hour. To the average residential

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Man sexually assaults 2 girls

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An unidentified person broke into a house in Upper Dandan and sexually assaulted two girls last Friday, according to the NMI Crime Stoppers Program yesterday.

Police officer Jason Tarkong, who is also the Crime Stoppers coordinator, said that they are seeking the community's help for information about the suspect.

The suspect was described as possibly a local male, about 5'5" tall, with very short hair and slim body.

Tarkong said that one of the girls' father woke

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LIBRARY WEEK

Education commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan speaks during yesterday morning's proclamation ceremony at the Marianas High School gymnasium where thousands of books from the Library of Congress were presented to PSS through the efforts of CNMI Delegate Gregorio Sablan. The Board of Education endorsed April as School Library Month in the CNMI.

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Inos breaks his silence

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» **'Very disappointed it had to come this far'**

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos broke his silence yesterday on Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's decision on Thursday to get rid of two Cabinet secretaries who are aligned with Inos' political party, saying he's "very disappointed it had to come this far."

Inos

Fitial is the current chairman of the Republican Party, while Inos is now the titular head of the Covenant Party. The two are long-time friends.

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Manglona ousted as Tinian Municipal Council chair

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The Tinian Municipal Council held an election yesterday that ousted Patrick A. Manglona as chairman.

Manglona was the only one of three council members who did not attend the 3:30pm session as he is currently in Guam. He is now the new secretary. Estevan P. Cabrera is the new chairman and Joseph SN. Cruz is the new vice chairman.

Cabrera will only have about eight months to serve as chairman since a mid-term election is scheduled in November.

"Within that period, I will do my best to serve the best interests of the general public," Cabrera said in a phone interview minutes after the election.

According to Cabrera, the special session was initially scheduled for March 29. Manglona, however, "didn't agree to it because he's claiming that we're backstabbing him."

"That wasn't the case," added Ca-

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In observance of Good Friday, *Saipan Tribune* will not be published on April 7, 2012, Black Saturday. The next issue will be published on April 9, 2012.

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Fitial, Manglona take up each other's offer of 'working together'

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial wrote a one-page letter to Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) yesterday afternoon, inviting him for a meeting to discuss "pressing matters." Manglona, for his part, said he's taking up the governor's offer of "working together."

"Clearly our difference of opinions in various issues has attracted a great deal of attention from the media and, more importantly, the public…However, such difference of opinions in government is also a bedrock of democracy," Fitial told Manglona.

The governor said the difference of opinions allows leaders to engage in meaningful dialogue in pursuit of common grounds for the benefit of the people.

"To achieve this, it is imperative that we work together, despite political differences, to formulate and implement a concerted approach and plan of action. In this regard, I humbly invite you to meet with me to discuss pressing matters that warrant not just our undivided attention, but also our commitment to work collaboratively for the common good of our people," Fitial told Manglona.

Manglona, when asked for comment, said if the governor wants to be part of the solution to the NMI Retirement Fund crisis, then he welcomes such offer of working together to avoid receivership, among other things.

The court ordered the submission of a "plan" to save the pension agency by June 15.

Manglona has asked all members of the Senate Special Committee on Retirement Fund chaired by Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) to focus on and assist in the development of a plan to save the Fund.

Manglona said Taimanao's committee will set up a meeting among the Senate and House of Representatives members and will invite Fund officials and retirees.

"I hope the governor will join us in this meeting as we work to come up with a plan to save the Fund. I'm going to take up the governor's offer of working together, because it will only benefit our Commonwealth people," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Manglona said the governor's letter is a "good sign" that the governor is willing to "work together."

Fitial wrote the letter a day after Manglona's brother, Thomas, was terminated by the Commonwealth Ports Authority from his job as Rota airport manager.

The governor told reporters on Tuesday that he didn't have anything to do with CPA's termination of Thomas Manglona as Rota airport manager.

"CPA is under the board. And Ed Guerrero is the executive director," Fitial told reporters.

CPA board chair Joe Lifoifoi, who was at the same event wherein the governor was interviewed, said he didn't know about the termination either because he and his wife just came back from the Philippines Tuesday morning.

CPA executive director Edward Deleon Guerrero, Fitial's appointee, sent the termination letter to Thomas Manglona. The termination takes effect 30 days later or by May 9.

Fitial and Paul Manglona have been engaged in a word war since the governor described Rota and Tinian senators as "stupid people" for rejecting a House bill legalizing casino gambling on Saipan.

Fund sues Sword for allegedly defective pension software

The NMI Retirement Fund finally filed a lawsuit against Gerhard "Gary" Sword and his company for their alleged defective pension software that has already cost the Fund $406,060.

The Fund sued Sword, Express Electronics, also known as Express Electronics Ltd., and 10 unnamed co-defendants, for breach of contract, and unjust enrichment.

The Fund, through assistant attorney general Christopher M. Timmons, asked the Superior Court to hold all defendants liable for damages, prejudgment interest, and court costs.

Saipan Tribune tried but failed to obtain comments from Sword yesterday.

According to the complaint, Sword and his company, Express Electronics Ltd., failed to deliver on a contract to create a customized pension administration system for the Fund. Sword and his company executed the contract on April 20, 2008.

"The pension software provided is neither integrated nor automated and fails to provide a mechanism to address all benefits managed by the Fund," said Timmons in the complaint.

The defendants, Timmons said, made no effort to present an implementation plan to address these defects, and have taken no steps to correct them.

In January 2012, two Fund members, Joaquin Q. Atalig and Jesus I. Taisague, sued Sword and his company over the same alleged non-functioning software pension. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Notorious robber gets two years in prison

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Notorious ex-convict Ramon Cabrera Blas pleaded guilty yesterday to a robbery case that occurred at the Kingfisher Golf Course in Talafofo last year and was slapped with a two-year prison term.

Blas pleaded guilty to theft as part of a plea deal.

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman sentenced the 52-year-old Blas to five years in prison, all suspended except for two years, with credit for time served.

Wiseman earlier rejected two proposed plea deals entered by Blas and the Office of the Attorney General for being "too lenient." The first plea bargain recommended a three-month jail term, while the second proposed a six-month prison term.

In accepting the plea agreement, Wiseman told Blas that he is already in his 50's and should stop his career as a criminal.

"You're not good in what you're doing! You always get caught! Stop committing these stupid crimes!" the judge told Blas.

Although stupid, these crimes have repercussions or consequences to the community, especially to tourists, Wiseman said.

After completing his sentence, Blas will be placed on three years of probation. He was also required to pay a $1,000 fine, $100 court assessment fee, to perform 200 hours of community service and write a letter of apology to the victim, Zhu Yu Shun.

» Judge tells 52-year-old suspect to stop committing 'stupid crimes'

According to the plea agreement, Blas approached Shun and her three friends on Oct. 26, 2011, at the King Fisher Golf Resort, got into the tourists' golf cart and drove off with it into the jungle, taking two of the ladies' handbags and all of the contents. The contents included a Coach wallet with $349 in cash, a Galaxy cell phone, car keys, house keys, a First Hawaiian Bank Continental Smile Card, and a make-up container.

Assistant attorney general Nicole D. Driscoll appeared for the government at the hearing. Assistant public defender Douglas Hartig served as counsel for Blas.

In rejecting the second plea agreement, Wiseman noted that Blas has had numerous cases that included a multitude of charges filed against him, which resulted in no less than 13 criminal convictions. These convictions resulted in sentences that totaled 44 years and nine months.

The judge said most of the sentences were suspended, having Blas serving about 11 years out of that and the rest on probation.

"His release from jail only results in him committing more crimes and continuously placing members of our society in danger," Wiseman said.

Police arrested Blas last Oct. 27 shortly after the robbery at Kingfisher Golf Course. Blas fled on foot toward the cliffline and walked toward Jeffrey's Beach where responding police officers arrested him. The officers recovered the victims' money.

Ex-Tinian official declines Fitial nomination

» Governor names another PUC nominee

Former Tinian Commerce director Norbert U. Hofschneider has declined Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's Jan. 30 nomination for him to serve on the Commonwealth Election Commission representing Tinian, saying he may run for office.

"I thank the governor for nominating me. After further consideration, I decided to decline the nomination because I have plans of serving the people of Tinian in another capacity," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Hofschneider, the older brother of Senate Vice President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian), served as Tinian Commerce director from 1994 to 2004. He now runs his own business on Tinian.

He said he might run for a Tinian Municipal Council position or another elected post, depending on the political climate.

In other news, the governor nominated yesterday another nominee to the Public Utilities Commission representing Rota—Oscar P. Quitugua.

Quitugua's nomination requires the advice and consent of the Senate, which recently rejected the governor's reappointment to PUC of Viola Alepuyo.

If confirmed, Quitugua will serve the remaining term left vacant by Joaquin S. Manglona, which will expire on July 21, 2015.

PUC is now dormant because there is no confirmed appointee yet to the commission.

Two other PUC nominees who have yet to receive Senate confirmation are Joseph C. Guerrero representing Saipan, and Zenie P. Mafnas representing Tinian. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

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Mobil exec: Bill will lead to govt 'micromanaging' oil firms

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Mobil Oil Mariana Islands Inc. president Jaime Andres Ortega said yesterday that a bill that would subject liquid fuel distributors and retailers under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission is detrimental not only to Mobil but also to the entire CNMI economy.

Ortega, a guest speaker at yesterday's Saipan Chamber of Commerce meeting, said that House Bill 17-238 pretty much tries to "micromanage" fuel suppliers and retailers.

"Regulations do not necessarily lead to price reductions," Ortega told Chamber members and guests at Saipan Grand Hotel in Susupe.

He said Hawaii tried this but, instead of driving fuel prices down, shot them up.

HB 17-238, authored by House Vice Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan), passed the House at a Dec. 6 session, less than a month after being introduced on Nov. 10.

The bill's swift passage at the House suggests that the implications of this type of regulation may have not been given proper consideration, Ortega said.

Senate Vice President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian) said the Senate Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications is still reviewing the bill.

"Based on research we have done, the areas within the U.S. that have applied the same, it backfired on them. But the committee has not made a final decision yet whether to recommend passage or defeat," Hofschneider said.

Ortega said that "no amount of government intervention will help overcome the market forces driving the price of fuel."

Ortega

Fuel prices

Ortega's presentation also touched on the factors that affect pump prices in the CNMI.

Of the three factors, the largest is the price of crude oil, followed by the manufacturing, transportation, marketing and other costs. The last factor is taxes.

All these factors are also affected by a host of elements. Crude oil, for example, has prices that depend on market forces (supply and demand), and driven by producing countries' income needs and economic growth, energy need and global inventories, among other things.

In the CNMI, there are several factors considered whether to adjust prices. These include changes in product price costs, supply and transportation costs, terminal costs, trucking costs, other onsite costs, reference internal price margin targets, and competitors' pump prices. The CNMI is a remote location and has a very small consumer base, and the cost of bringing in fuel is high.

In an interview with reporters later, Ortega said the question of how fast or slow Mobil determines its pump price from the time it leaves the refinery to the time it is brought to the service station is "not that easy to respond to." Fuel is not easily priced as any other consumer goods.

He said Mobil plans its supplies based on inventory and projected demand to make sure there's always fuel available.

When asked repeatedly why Mobil and Shell always have the same price and price changes, Ortega said, "We decide what the price of our fuel should be based on these elements I mentioned…I cannot comment about how the competition prices their fuels."

Jim Arenovski, president of Delta Management Corp. which operates four Shell service stations on Saipan, said Ortega's presentation was "very accurate" on the factors that affect prices and supply chain.

Pump prices on Saipan, Tinian and Rota are the highest among all U.S. states and territories. On Saipan, regular unleaded gasoline is $5.159 a gallon. On Rota, regular unleaded gasoline is $6.10 a gallon and diesel, $6.90 a gallon.

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Inos said that while there's no constitutional or legal requirement that the governor consult him on every appointment and removal of Cabinet appointees, he had hoped that the governor would do so "in the spirit of working together," "partnership" and "as courtesy."

"Yes, I was very disappointed that it had to come this far," Inos said in an interview yesterday afternoon.

It was Inos' first time to publicly share his views on the governor's decision to ask former Public Lands secretary Oscar M. Babauta and former Public Works secretary Martin Sablan late Thursday afternoon to turn in their resignation letters.

"No I wasn't consulted," Inos said when asked whether Fitial consulted him or talked to him before the governor sent out the letters to Babauta and Sablan.

The two turned in their resignation letters on Friday.

Babauta and Sablan did not follow the governor to the Republican Party and instead stayed with the Covenant Party with Inos. Babauta is the Covenant Party's campaign manager and adviser, while Sablan is the second vice chairman.

Despite his misgivings, Inos said he will continue to do what he set out to do when he agreed to hold the position first as an appointee to fill a vacant position and as an elected official, and that is to serve the public.

He said he's at least glad that political differences caused the removal of the two Cabinet secretaries, "and not because of any malfeasance, nonfeasance or misfeasance in the workplace."

Inos said he learned only of the governor's decision Thursday evening when he got a call from the affected Cabinet members.

He said in his view, Babauta and Sablan were doing an efficient job considering the "challenges that they all face on a day-to-day basis, and the need to provide necessary public services with very limited resources."

Here are excerpts of the 18-minute interview with the lieutenant governor yesterday:

Media: Have you and the governor talked about the matter after the fact?

Inos: No. I guess the governor did not see the need to discuss it.

Media: Should other Cabinet secretaries prepare for the worst?

Inos: They're in the same situation. They work for the governor, so the governor could remove them with or without cause, so…that's just the way it is.

Media: Is there anything you could do as lieutenant governor to stop it?

Inos: Well I guess I could talk to the governor if I knew beforehand that that was his plan. But you know, let's face it. The political situation is such that we've already seen that we all are taking different directions or opposite directions or not in the same direction. But you know, I guess that's just the way it is in politics. We part ways and we do things in solitary way and so forth. We came in as Covenant [Party members] and we remain as Covenant. We did not decide to go anywhere. We just stayed.

Media: Don't you think the decision to ask them to resign came at an inopportune time?

Inos: Again, number one is…no one is indispensable. It's just the way things are. Employees come and go. We just have to find replacements, hopefully people who can do a better job than their predecessors so they could continue the work of government in providing public services.

Yeah it would have been nice to, for the sake of continuity, especially we're in the middle of many things but again I felt bad. I sympathize with the two Cabinet members, especially Mr. Babauta who has been a supporter of the governor for the longest time and just because in my understanding, he has stayed with the party that the governor helped establish that now…his actions became a punishment for him. But this is the world of politics. I just hope that…I was going to say politics should not be part of consideration but I think it should be applied discreetly…

Media: Are you giving the governor the benefit of the doubt?

Inos: Actually, what's happening right now is I'm giving the governor the benefit of the doubt.

Media: Maybe something happened that caused governor to ask them to resign?

Inos: We knew what happened.

Media: Do you have any regret running with the governor? Did you see this coming?

Inos: No, I didn't see this coming. I didn't see this coming. Regrets? I don't want to go there. I'm here, I ran with him because I agreed to run with him so that we can serve the people better.

As bad as it has been with the economy and so forth…I think we're still very lucky. Even [with] 64 hours. At least we're getting something. It could have been worse.

Media: As lieutenant governor, you're elected by the people. If you were in an appointed position, do you think he would have also asked you to resign?

Inos: If I would be asked to resign, I'd ask to be fired.

Media: The governor will not say it directly that politics has to do with it but are you sure these two did not make some mistakes?

Inos: No, it's none of that. It's because these two guys stayed within the [Covenant] party, okay, along with me who stayed in the party. Call that whatever you want to call it.

Media: Are you still hopeful that you and the governor will be able to patch things up?

Inos: I think the better question is, "Can we still serve the public together?"

Media: Can you?

Inos: I show up everyday.

Media: How are you coping with the situation when you and the governor are serving the public in separate ways?

Inos: Qualify that. Serving the public separately, but in parallel. I'm not doing anything different from what I set out to do when the governor and I ran for public office.

Let me tell you, despite what's been happening, the governor and I don't have any disagreement to say. Probably because we belong to two different political parties and that's all but we don't have any disagreements. Maybe I'm supporting an individual for public office that he's not supporting, and so forth and vice versa but you know I'd like to view that as just a preference if you will.

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brera, as he recounted that attorney Janet King was their witness when Manglona asked for consideration to move the session to Monday, April 2. However, Manglona didn't sign the public announcement regarding the meeting, prompting Cabrera and Cruz to decide to hold the election yesterday.

Cabrera repeatedly emphasized that the council majority's decision was "nothing political," saying that it was part of a "gentleman's agreement" to rotate the chairmanship among the three council members.

He added that the agreement was made months before the November 2009 general election that got them to their council posts.

But more than the agreement, Cabrera cited other reasons why Manglona had to be voted out of chairmanship.

He maintained that "there was not much transparency" at the council office during Manglona's term. "There were some decisions made by chairman Manglona without our knowledge," Cabrera said. "I understand that he's the expenditure authority but he should have consulted us."

Cabrera said this lack of transparency was manifested when Manglona hired a consultant, his uncle Herman Manglona, in October 2011.

Moreover, Cabrera said that the former chair did not have "much commitment" in performing official functions and during community events.

Cabrera also confirmed information that Manglona made threats to terminate council executive director Lynette B. Hofschneider.

Hofschneider separately confirmed this, saying that there was an element of "personal attack" in Manglona's effort to remove her from her position. She declined to elaborate.

Cabrera vowed that he will uphold transparency and accountability while serving as council chairman by ensuring that the vice chairman and secretary are kept abreast of council decisions and activities.

Vice chair Cruz, for his part, said the council re-organization has been "overdue." With the new leadership, Cruz said the council will now "go somewhere" and be able to accomplish its tasks and responsibilities.

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up at about 4am on Friday, March 30, to the screams of his daughter and her friend coming from their bedroom. The father ran to the bedroom where he found the girls crouched in a corner.

Police investigation showed that as the girls were asleep when they felt someone touching them improperly. One of the girls screamed, prompting the suspect to run out the door and house.

The father checked the house and discovered that the suspect's point of entry was through a window, where the screen had been cut open.

"It was dark in the bedroom and the girls described the suspect's face as covered with a piece of cloth," Tarkong said.

The Department of Public Safety and Crime Stoppers need the public's help for the arrest of the suspect. Contact the Crime Stoppers hotline at 234-7272 or at www.nmicrimestoppers.net. Crime Stoppers pays up to $1,000 for any information leading to an arrest.

LEAC

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customer that uses 500 kWh a month, the impact on their bill is $11.80.

Warren said the new rate was reviewed by CUC's rate consultant, economists.com.

He said that CUC will enforce the new LEAC tariff on or after April 9.

LEAC is part of the customer's bill that reflects the cost of fuel. It goes up or down to reflect the cost of buying fuel to run the power plants. The other element of the power bill is the electric base rate.

The last time the LEAC rate was adjusted was in January, when it went down a bit.

According to Warren, CUC spent $4.796 million for fuel and lube supply in February. This went up to $5.59 million in March.

Warren pointed out that gas stations on island have raised their fuel prices several times compared to CUC, which has yet to adjust one.

Palacios is new Retirement Fund board chair

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The NMI Retirement Fund board of trustees has selected Bernardita C. Palacios as its new chairperson during an election of officers yesterday.

Palacios succeeded Sixto K. Igisomar, whose re-appointment to the board is awaiting Senate confirmation.

Newly re-appointed Adelina C. Roberto was elected to the vice-chairmanship of the board, a position she previously held.

The board currently has three vacancies after the term expiration and resignation of the following trustees: Sixto Igisomar, Frank Rosario, and Jerry Crisostomo.

Palacios thanked her colleagues—Roberto, Marian Tudela, and Nacrina Barcinas—yesterday for their vote of confidence. She assured that she will do her best to address the present problems at the pension fund and save the program from collapse.

In an interview after the board meeting, Palacios disclosed that the board will put on hold all negotiations pertaining to the board consultancy position pending Igisomar's re-appointment.

Igisomar had earlier disclosed that the board has selected and offered a contract to former House speaker Heinz Hofschneider as board consultant but due to the delay in his confirmation, the contract has yet to be executed.

Palacios said the board is optimistic about Igisomar's confirmation soon.

"I hope the Senate will hear us because we need Mr. Igisomar onboard because of his expertise. It would be difficult for new members to come in because we need to train them," she said.

In yesterday's meeting, the board was asked by two members of the public to continue finding solution to the current dilemma of the pension fund.

Oscar Camacho, director of the Commonwealth Retirees Association, extended the association's appreciation for the board's initiatives to save the pension plan. The Fund is projected to last less than three years if no new money comes.

Also discussed at length were the status of the Fund's pending cases in court as well as the recommendations of Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth Govendo on how the Fund can be saved.

31 lawyers decline to associate with Jorgensen

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Except for attorney Stephen C. Woodruff, 31 other lawyers in the CNMI declined to associate as local counsel with attorney Bruce Jorgensen in the lawsuit filed by two unnamed retirees against Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and the NMI Retirement Fund.

Jorgensen and co-counsels Margery S. Bronster and Robert M. Hatch informed the U.S. District Court for the NMI yesterday that 31 attorneys in the Commonwealth expressly declined to associate with them as local counsel.

In his affidavit, Hatch disclosed that nine attorneys did not return their messages, but on April 3, 2012 (Hawaii time), Woodruff agreed to associate with them as local counsel.

Hatch said they personally attempted to call 55 attorneys on Saipan but 14 calls did not go through.

He said that on March 21, 2012, CNMI Bar Association president Sean Frink offered to forward a letter from their law office (Bronster Hoshibata) to all members of the CNMI Bar by email.

Hatch said the letter explained the need for them to have local counsel in the case and to report to federal court by April 3, 2012.

To date, Hatch said, they have not get any inquiries in response to the letter but many lawyers they contacted acknowledged receiving the letter by email.

In a court order issued last month, Jorgensen and his co-counsels were directed to associate with local counsel at the request of the Fund, Fitial, and the CNMI government.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood ordered Jorgensen and co-counsels to file with the court evidence that they have attempted to contact at least 25 attorneys licensed to practice in the NMI and that each of the contacted attorneys had refused association.

The defendants, through counsel Braddock Huesman, expressed the difficulty in serving the plaintiffs because their attorneys have provided at least two different mailing addresses, one of which refuses service and the other being defunct.

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YOUR COMMENTS ARE MOST WELCOME:

VR FY - 2013 State Plan Goals

Goal 1. Deliver quality and timely services to applicants and consumers.

Goal 2. Serve as an advocate for individuals with disabilities.

Goal 3. Continue to work closely with the Workforce Investment Board to maintain and improve the best features of our workforce development system and to initiate efforts to integrate services for consumers.

Goal 4. Facilitate and ensure the seamless transition of students with disabilities to employment or continued education.

Goal 5. Maintain a comprehensive system of personnel development to ensure adequate qualified rehabilitation personnel.

Goal 6. Continue to update OVR Policies and Procedures.

Margarita R. Olopai-Taitano
OVR Director

Isidro K. Seman
SRC Chairperson

The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) in partnership with the State Rehabilitation Council (SRC), will be conducting statewide public forums on **FY 2013 State Plan for Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Services.** YOU are ALL invited and encouraged to please participate in the scheduled public forums. The forums will provide opportunities for public comments on how well services are met and what need to be strengthened in our State Plans. Let us know how best the **Office of Vocational Rehabilitation** shall and should serve people with disabilities residing in Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. What barriers exist that currently prevent our people with disabilities from getting or keeping a job? More importantly, recommend solutions to those barriers. **Overall, how can OVR and our local communities work together to prepare, secure, and maintain employment and promote independence for and among eligible people with disabilities?**

Community Forum on VR State Plan FY 2013

TINIAN	SAIPAN	ROTA
April 09, 2012	April 10, 2012	April 11, 2012
Tinian Junior-Senior High School Cafeteria	Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio Multi- Purpose Center	Aging Office, Sinapalo
Time: 5:30 pm to 7:30pm	Time: 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm	Time: 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION: If you require reasonable accommodation (e.g., large print, sign language interpreter) to participate in the public forums, please contact the OVR Council Liaison Elvira Seman at least 2 days before the scheduled forums. Copies of the plans can be accessed at the OVR website or obtain copies at the OVR Main Office at Navy Hill Bldg. N-2.

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Oleai Elementary's Valle is PSS Librarian of the Year

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

The CNMI Board of Education and the Public School System named Charlene Valle as this year's Librarian of the Year.

Valle was conferred the prestigious honor during awarding rites yesterday at the Marianas High School gymnasium, coinciding with the Commonwealth's designation of April as School Library Month.

Valle was presented with a plaque of appreciation from PSS and a plaque of recognition from CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan in front of hundreds of students from private and public schools.

MONETH G. DEPOSA

Public School System's Librarian of the Year for 2012 Charlene Valle poses with her plaque of recognition after the awarding rites yesterday at Marianas High School Gymnasium. Valle is an employee at the Oleai Elementary School since 2006.

Valle is the librarian aide at Oleai Elementary School. Since joining PSS in October 2006, she has been selected as the school's Support Staff of the Year several times. This year, she actually bagged the overall title for Librarian of the Year, besting 18 other contenders.

"This is overwhelming!" she told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday, adding that the honor was unexpected.

Valle was inspired by her mother to become a school librarian. The 35-year-old employee is a daughter of a longtime school librarian.

She assists hundreds of students daily with their reading needs. "Just helping them find books and other reading materials every day is truly fulfilling. I feel satisfaction every time I help them out."

Oleai's library has an estimated over 3,000 materials.

Education commissioner Rita A. Sablan said she is very proud of Valle, who was selected for the honor by her own peers.

"We're very pleased to have Ms. Charlene as the system's Librarian of the Year. She is really an icon because her mom was also a librarian for the longest time at Garapan Elementary. I have worked with her mom at that time and I know Charlene has the same passion like her mother," Sablan said.

JKPL to celebrate Library Week

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

The Joeten-Kiyu, Tinian, and Rota public libraries are joining libraries across the U.S. in celebrating National Library Week this April.

The occasion, first sponsored by the American Library Association in 1958, seeks to honor all the contributions of the country's libraries and librarians and promote library use and support in the communities.

Here in the Commonwealth, the observance of the National Library Week will be from April 12 to 17 with the theme, "You belong @ your library."

The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library said in a statement that libraries help level the playing field by making print and digital information affordable, available, and accessible to the public.

"As executive director, I am most privileged to declare that NLW is celebrated to promote the timeless value and vital role that public libraries play in filling the growing lifelong learning needs and varying interests of our community, especially as we are increasingly becoming more relevant and responsive in these challenging times where we are the neutralizers of our diverse communities," John Oliver Gonzales told *Saipan Tribune.*

Gonzales said the occasion will be celebrated by having open houses to illustrate the services they offer and the collections they have. The open houses will be highlighted by a slideshow presentation featuring Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's 20-year history.

Other activities include game trivia, Read-Aloud, Story Hours, and Arts & Crafts.

Gonzales noted that the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library also joins the Public School System and the Board of Education, which proclaimed April as National School Library Month.

For more information, visit the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library in Susupe or call 235-7316, 7322 or 7323.

Long weekend for PH consulate

The Philippine Consulate General on Saipan will be closed today and tomorrow in observance of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, both of which are recognized Philippine holidays.

Philippine President Benigno Aquino III's declaration of April 21 to 22 as non-working holidays resulted in the long weekend.

Consul General Medardo Macaraig, however, noted that the Consulate will be open to the public on Monday, April 9, from 9am to 4pm despite another national holiday.

April 9 is *Araw ng Kagitingan* or Day of Valor, which marks the fall of Bataan during World War II.

"Although Monday is a holiday, we will strive to open our office since we will be closed for two days this week and we no longer provide consular services on weekends," Macaraig told *Saipan Tribune*.

The Consulate will resume its regular working schedule of 8am to 6pm on Tuesday, April 10. ***(Clarissa V. David)***

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Happy 4th birthday to Tiana Lia Hamilton Aldan! May your day be filled with happiness and fun. We love you. Greetings come from Daddy, Mommy, Brittney, and Jacob.

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Happy 17th birthday to Dexter Cyrus Quitugua! May you have a blessed day and many more to come! We love you. Greetings come from the Hamilton/Quitugua families.

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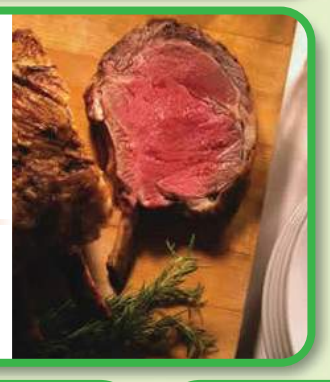

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Tinian mayor urges direct talks with Navy execs

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REPORTER

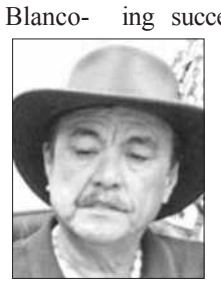
Tinian and Aguiguan Mayor Ramon M. Dela Cruz has asked Gov. Benigno R. Fitial to deal "directly" with Joint Region Marianas commander Rear Adm. Paul Bushong and Naval Facilities Engineering Command commander Capt. John Heckmann to discuss funding for maintenance of roadways and liability concerns for accidents that may take place on military leased lands.

Dela Cruz, a member of the Military Integrated Management Committee in the CNMI, first verbalized his request to Fitial in a letter dated Sept. 27, 2011, in adherence to committee protocol. He asked for a meeting with Bushong to negotiate a new land management agreement for the leased lands.

"With our dwindling funds, I find it impossible to properly maintain the roadways on Tinian. Moreover, I am concerned about liabilities for accidents that might occur on military leased lands," Dela Cruz wrote to Fitial.

The mayor, however, did not receive a response from the governor, according to Don Farrell, Dela Cruz's chief of staff.

Farrell said that Dela Cruz reiterated his request in February during a committee meeting wherein committee coordinator Tom Linden and Capital Improvements Project coordinating officer James Stump were tasked to work with the mayor, the Tinian Legislative Delegation, and Dela Cruz's legal counsel, Lucy Blanco-Maratita to develop a new draft contract.


Dela Cruz

"Unfortunately, we have heard nothing from your MIMC coordinator," the mayor said in his April 2 letter to Fitial.

Dela Cruz also wrote to Bushong on April 2, requesting a meeting with him or Heckmann to discuss the two concerns, which were part of a contract between the Navy and the Tinian Municipality that "has long since expired."

"We would like to renegotiate it, as we can no longer afford to maintain these roads from the meager Tinian Municipal Budget," added Dela Cruz.

Dela Cruz emphasized that Tinian has made great progress in military relations over the last two and a half years, having successfully negotiated a programmatic agreement with the Navy that would maintain the national historic landmark on Tinian's North Field as approved by Fitial.

He and his staff are working with representatives of Naval Facilities Engineering Command on an agreement that seeks to provide about $30,000 to be used in maintaining specific sites within the national historic landmark boundaries.

Dela Cruz said he has also met with Marine Air Group 12 representatives who are involved in developing a training facility on Tinian. After securing permits from state historic preservation officer Melvin Faisao, an advance team of about 150 Marines are expected to arrive by May 3 to bring heavy equipment that will put up the training area and also clear and improve many existing roadways and historic sites on other military leased lands.

The mayor said they are also expecting the construction of the proposed Air Force Divert Base, which will bring more business to Tinian and more revenues for the general fund, and the relocation of the 3rd Marine Division from Okinawa to Japan.

"In other words, Tinian's future relationship with the Department of Defense, and especially with our friends at Joint Region Command, looks very bright. We do not wish to disturb it. We only want to enhance it," said Dela Cruz.

MEET THE MMAC TEAMS

Team Tan Holdings/Kagman High School

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

MMAC Committee's note: As we mark the 10th anniversary of the Marianas March Against Cancer, the 2012 MMAC committee would like to honor and recognize the efforts of our teams for their untiring support in the fight against cancer.

Tan Holdings is teaming up with students of Kagman High School to form a team for the 2012 Marianas March Against Cancer.

The largest private employer in the CNMI has been involved with MMAC for seven years while the Home of the Ayuyus has been doing it for a year.

"Over the years, it had become apparent that Tan Holdings had all these wonderful resources and employees that contributed to making each of our tents a unique attraction. However, we wanted to inject more spirit and energy into our event," states the Team Tan Holdings/Kagman High School profile that recounts how the partnership was formed, thanks to Dave Guerrero.

Spearheading the team are team captains Ed Arriola, Jr., Becky Tenorio, Natasha Kuckuck, and Jay Sanchez.

For this year, the team will have a carnival-inspired tent at the Marianas March Against Cancer, which will be held on April 27 to 28 at the Hopwood Jr. High School field. The tent will feature rides, games, and other "special surprises."

When asked for any words of advice for those who want to form an MMAC Team, Team Tan Holdings/Kagman High School said in a joint statement: "If you're a school, I would suggest joining with a private company or even join another school. It makes things easier with many people to assist."

This year marks the 10th anniversary of MMAC, the largest annual signature fundraising event of Commonwealth Cancer Association, a volunteer-led non-profit organization that advocates for cancer victims.

MMAC is a 12-hour overnight event that features teams under different categories (Pulan, Napu, Atdao, and Pution) competing for various prizes including most money raised, most laps, best baton, best tent, most luminaries sold, and most team spirit.

For more information, call 285-1828, email attaoc@yahoo.com or visit www.ccamarianas.org.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Department of Community & Cultural Affairs
Division of Historic Preservation
Historic Preservation Fund Grant
Proposed Work Goals for FY 2012

The Division of Historic Preservation (HPO) under the auspices of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs anticipates the receipt of approximately $410,831 from the U.S. National Park Service for Fiscal Year 2012. This funding is provided to support the Commonwealth's Historic Preservation program and related community activities.

Prior to the submission of the grant application, the Division of Historic Preservation Office would like to solicit the community's input or comments on what priorities, concerns, projects, and activities it would like to undertake relating to Historic Preservation.

We need your comments particularly on such aspects as:

1.) What do you think we should be focusing more of this year?
2.) What particular community projects do you believe is important that we should try to fund?
3.) What topics should we focus when publishing our archeological books or?
4.) What particular areas do you want our office to concentrate on surveying or in the identification of cultural materials?
5.) What aspects of the program do you think we should strengthen?

The following are examples of work goals that are proposed for FY 2012. We would like to know what you think about them.

- Conducting Historical Architecture windshield survey, Intensive archaeological survey and preparation of NRHP Nomination
- Reprinting all HPO's archeological and ethnographic collection
- Implementing and maintaining its Geographic Information System
- Nominating significant sites to the National Register of Historic Places
- Educate the CNMI's children about historic preservation through school visits, lectures and field trips.

Interested individuals are invited to submit their comments to the Division of Historic Preservation Office in writing no later than, April 20, 2012. Written comments should be address to Mr. Melvin L. O. Faisao, CNMI State Historic Preservation Officer or Ms. Mertie T. Kani, Acting Director, Division of Historic Preservation, Dept. of Community and Cultural Affairs, P.O. Box 500090 CK, Saipan, MP 96950. It may also be faxed to our office at 664-2139 or sent through e-mail to mlof65@gmail.com or mtkani@cnmihpo.net. Please visit our office located on Airport Road, between the former MVA Office and the LSG Building should you have any questions.

In addition to submitted written comments, our office would also like to undertake a formal public hearing to listen to your concerns and ideas about the historic preservation grant and possible projects or activities. The following is a schedule in this effect:

Island	Location	Date	Time
Rota	Round House	04/09/12	6:30 p.m.
Tinian	Mayor's Conference Room	04/11/12	6:30 p.m.
Saipan	Multi Purpose	04/17/12	6:30 p.m.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. We look forward to hearing your comments and ideas. Your input and participation is extremely valuable.

/S/ Melvin L. O. Faisao
CNMI State Historic Preservation Officer

Concurred by: /S/ MELVIN L. O. FAISAO
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For more inquiry, contact Mr. Faisao @ 664-2576 or Mertie Kani @ 664-2124

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Apr. 5, 1999

Govt scraps bonus pay for FY 2000
Retirees from the government service are in for another long wait for their 30 percent retirement bonus after the administration scrapped plans to earmark $2.2 million in new funds to pay out the benefits. In a letter to the Legislature seeking approval of the fiscal year 2000 appropriation package, Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio explained that funding for the bonus was excluded from the $206 million budget proposal, along with several other requests, because of CNMI's tight fiscal condition. Because of the anticipated decline in revenues to be collected for the next fiscal year, Tenorio lowered 2 percent from $210 million the annual spending plan and suspended various independent programs to allow him realign funds for critical government service.

MVA discusses drop of Osaka route
Marianas Visitors Authority board Chairman David M. Sablan has expressed concern that the termination of Osaka-Saipan direct flights would severely hamper efforts to increase the CNMI's market share in Japan. Sablan said he is planning to meet with Continental Micronesia executives this week to discuss with them their plans for the Northern Marianas amid the continuous reduction of flights. "We would like to work with them but we want to know if they plan to cut further the direct flights to Saipan so that we can adjust our marketing plans," he said.

Apr. 5, 2000

CUC revamp has Teno backing—Guerrero
The planned revamp in the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation has drawn the support of top CNMI officials, including Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio, according to its board chairman, Jesus T. Guerrero. But he said the re-organization will take some time as the board needs to scrutinize every problems facing the government-owned utility corporation, including the procurement of a new power plant on Saipan. CUC officials have met with the governor as well as members of the Legislature to discuss the revamp which has been kept under wraps since the ouster of former Board Chairperson Rosario M. Elameto and election of new set of officers in the policy-making body.

SGMA meets with DEQ on water quality
Forty representatives from all 30 members of the Saipan Garment Manufacturers Association (SGMA) met with Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) officials recently to review new water well testing requirements. Meanwhile, SGMA executive director Richard A. Pierce participated with other private sector representatives in a group meeting Friday morning with environmental experts and officials of the South Pacific Regional Environment Program. SGMA agreed to cooperate fully with DEQ's water well testing plan, saying there is a tremendous need to ensure that safe water is available for factory employees and the community.

Apr. 5, 2001

Fate of 3-year limit law known today
The controversial law requiring non-resident workers to leave the CNMI after three years of continuous employment in the islands is up for deliberation today at the Senate even as the hotel industry reiterated its call for an outright repeal of such a statute. "We really do not see the logic of not repealing it, when our economic situation dictates policy flexibility is needed. The restriction does not really serve a purpose, except for politicians during an election year," said Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands [HANMI] president Ronald D. Sablan. He called the law, Public Law 11-69, a "self-serving policy that is not at all in the best interest of the CNMI."

NMI science teacher gets $10K grant from Toyota
At a time when education is receiving unprecedented attention from the nation's capital, Toyota is helping change the face of education one town at a time. Via the Toyota TAPESTRY program, the company is rewarding educators who have demonstrated excellence, creatively and vision in their approach to teaching environmental and physical science with grants to fund innovative classroom projects. At the top of this year's winners list is Saipan. CNMI science teacher Marie Pierre Lamkin has been awarded Toyota TAPESTRY grant of nearly $10,000 for her project titled, "Study and Repopulation of Saipan's Intertidal Zone and Coral Reef."

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In Myanmar, a triumph for the forces of democracy

The last time Myanmar's Aung San Suu Kyi achieved an electoral victory, back in 1991, it was a short-lived feat: The results were annulled and she spent most of the next two decades under house arrest, courtesy of the country's military junta.

Maybe things will work out better after her latest triumph. Her National League for Democracy apparently captured nearly all of the parliamentary seats being contested in Sunday's elections. Instead of house arrest, she'll be leading the opposition in a People's Assembly where such things have been virtually unknown.

Even so, her actual power will lie more in moral influence and mass popularity than in voting strength. Suu Kyi's party will hold only a few dozen seats in a chamber with 664. Besides, the real authority in Myanmar still lies with the ruling party, which is associated with the military junta that last year installed a civilian president, Thein Sein.

His government has shown a surprising willingness to change its autocratic, repressive ways. It has curbed censorship, allowed unions to form and to strike, let the National League for Democracy compete for votes, and invited election monitors from the United States and Europe to witness the balloting.

The reforms were sufficient to induce Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to visit Myanmar late last year—and, in a session with Sein, pronounce herself "encouraged by the steps that you and your government have taken."

Not least of all, the regime has ended its effort to silence Suu Kyi, who won the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize for her commitment to nonviolence and her work on behalf of democracy and human rights. The Nobel Committee called hers "one of the most extraordinary examples of civil courage in Asia in recent decades."

She paid a severe price, confined year after year, barred from meeting with her supporters and separated from her husband. But she endured with a spirit of grace that ennobled not only her campaign but the cause of human rights the world over.

Her election to parliament could be the prelude to a presidential bid in 2015, when 75 percent of the seats will be up for grabs. It could also pave the way for lifting the sanctions the country has been under.

But Myanmar's rulers have a lot to do to prove they are serious about liberalization. As Human Rights Watch notes, "several hundred political prisoners remain" and "the overall human rights situation remains dire." A savage counterinsurgency war continues unabated.

The small opposition bloc in the People's Assembly may end up being mostly for show, with no leverage to force change. It's far from clear if the regime is willing to carry out anything more than modest reforms—much less expose itself to the risk of being voted out of power in three years.

As the Obama administration has made clear, it is prepared to reward meaningful progress with steps to ease Myanmar's economic isolation. A year ago, the sort of change needed to elicit such a response was a dream that existed mainly in the imagination of Suu Kyi and her supporters. But the dream is beginning to look as though it may come true.

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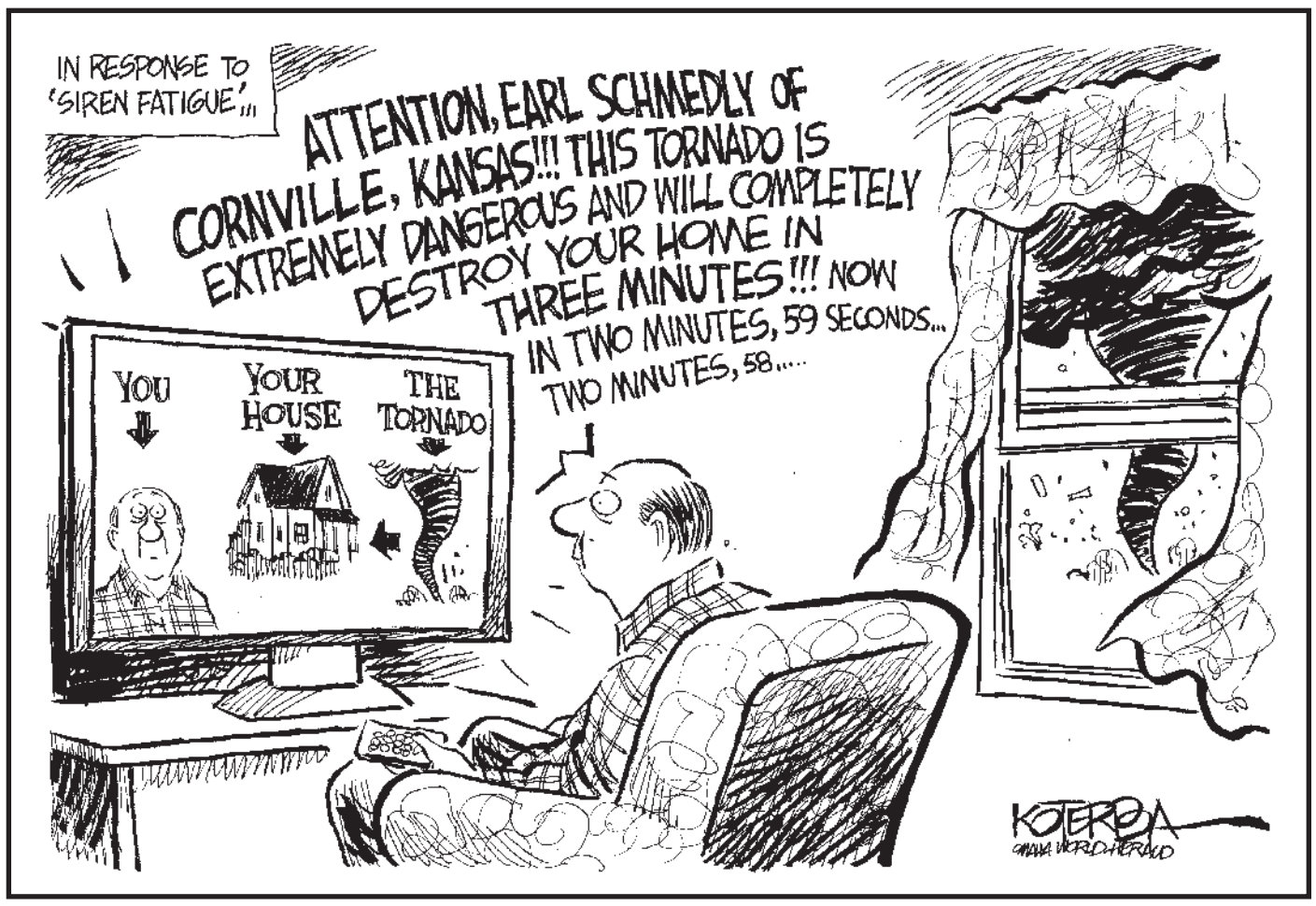
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A universe without purpose

By LAWRENCE M. KRAUSS
Los Angeles Times

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The illusion of purpose and design is perhaps the most pervasive illusion about nature that science has to confront on a daily basis. Everywhere we look, it appears that the world was designed so that we could flourish.

The position of the Earth around the sun, the presence of organic materials and water and a warm climate—all make life on our planet possible. Yet, with perhaps 100 billion solar systems in our galaxy alone, with ubiquitous water, carbon and hydrogen, it isn't surprising that these conditions would arise somewhere. And as to the diversity of life on Earth—as Darwin described more than 150 years ago and experiments ever since have validated—natural selection in evolving life forms can establish both diversity and order without any governing plan.

As a cosmologist, a scientist who studies the origin and evolution of the universe, I am painfully aware that our illusions nonetheless reflect a deep human need to assume that the existence of the Earth, of life and of the universe and the laws that govern it require something more profound. For many, to live in a universe that may have no purpose, and no creator, is unthinkable.

But science has taught us to think the unthinkable. Because when nature is the guide—rather than a priori prejudices, hopes, fears or desires—we are forced out of our comfort zone. One by one, pillars of classical logic have fallen by the wayside as science progressed in the 20th century, from Einstein's realization that measurements of space and time were not absolute but observer-dependent, to quantum mechanics, which not only put fundamental limits on what we can empirically know but also demonstrated that elementary particles and the atoms they form are doing a million seemingly impossible things at once.

And so it is that the 21st century has brought new revolutions and new revelations on a cosmic scale. Our picture of the universe has probably changed more in the lifetime of an octogenarian today than in all of human history. Eighty-seven years ago, as far as we knew, the universe consisted of a single galaxy, our Milky Way, surrounded by an eternal, static, empty void. Now we know that there are more than 100 billion galaxies in the observable universe, which began with the Big Bang 13.7 billion years ago. In its earliest moments, everything we now see as our universe—and much more—was contained in a volume smaller than the size of a single atom.

And so we continue to be surprised. We are like the early mapmakers redrawing the picture of the globe even as new continents were discovered. And just as those mapmakers confronted the realization that the Earth was not flat, we must confront facts that change what have seemed to be basic and fundamental concepts. Even our idea of nothingness has been altered.

We now know that most of the energy in the observable universe can be found not within galaxies but outside them, in otherwise empty space, which, for reasons we still cannot fathom, "weighs" something. But the use of the word "weight" is perhaps misleading because the energy of empty space is gravitationally repulsive. It pushes distant galaxies away from us at an ever-faster rate. Eventually they will recede faster than light and will be unobservable.

This has changed our vision of the future, which is now far bleaker. The longer we wait, the less of the universe we will be able to see. In hundreds of billions of years astronomers on some distant planet circling a distant star (Earth and our sun will be long gone) will observe the cosmos and find it much like our flawed vision at the turn of the last century: a single galaxy immersed in a seemingly endless dark, empty, static universe.

Out of this radically new image of the universe at large scale have also come new ideas about physics at a small scale. The Large Hadron Collider has given tantalizing hints that the origin of mass, and therefore of all that we can see, is a kind of cosmic accident. Experiments in the collider bolster evidence of the existence of the "Higgs field," which apparently just happened to form throughout space in our universe; it is only because all elementary particles interact with this field that they have the mass we observe today.

Most surprising of all, combining the ideas of general relativity

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The Eucharistic feast

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Irian Jaya is the western Indonesian half of the island more popularly known as Papua. Michael Rockefeller disappeared in its jungles while on a natural resource expedition, suspected of having shared his bodily substance over the communal bonfire.

Captain Cook visited the islands of Tonga and named it the Friendly Islands. Cook's company was feted lavish food beyond their girth's normal intake. They were to stay a full moon but decided unannounced to leave early, much to their host's dismay.

The "friendly" hospitality tendered by the natives was to fatten the sailors for an eventual sacrificial date at the dining table. That would have been one orgy savored around the world!

"Cannibal" is our pejorative term of folks who delight in adding the human flesh to their culinary options. The evolution of our humanity has declared the practice a heinous crime though we would be dishonest if we do not acknowledge our quiet siding with Anthony Hopkins' Hannibal Lecter of Jodie Foster's 1991 Oscar-award winning movie, *The Silence of the Lambs,* in its last frames as the famed psychiatrist prepared for his dinner. There is also the Tonga story, not uncommon in the Pacific islands, that speaks of poor parents visited unexpectedly by the island's sovereign, taking their only daughter to the sacrificial fire so the sovereign may feast.

We often look down on "primitive ignorant pagans" who indulge in the practice, until we partake of one of Christendom's highest religious rituals and hear with discomfort uttered words such as, "this is my body and my blood, for you; eat, drink, all of it, in remembrance of me." OK. There is the transubstantiation and consubstantiation debate but that is theological hair splitting. Reformation Europe tried sugarcoating the ritual by declaring it as just a symbol, but Rome's orthodoxy did not let go of "the real body and blood" claim, deciding that the elements of the Eucharist are the actual physical presence of the Christ Jesus.

We do not deign navigate the reefed terrain of them waters, but "cannibalistic" is not a common reference term in any basilica, yet I heard it used in West Africa against the oft-repeated Western missionaries' accusations of sensual uncouthness!

Indeed, unembodied love is nothing but sentimentality. *Philosophy in the Flesh* is more than just the title of a book. Spirit of the hairy-fairy variety is figment of the imagination. Life *sans* physicality is no life at all. "Existence precedes essence" is an oft-quoted philosophical phrase, and the Judaic word for "spirit" is the very real and sensual *ruah,* the wild wind of the desert!

The unconditional giving (liturgically called "sacrifice") of one's self, promoted in the Holy Week story of the Jesus Christ journey as a human model worth replicating, has been the essence of the Christian faith since Christmas replaced Rome's bacchanalian orgy, consecrating in its place the common meal of the "breaking of the bread and the pouring out of the wine." I grew up with the image of the trembling priest raising the elements with much holy dread. The act symbolizes nothing less than the sacrifice of one's total life's expenditure on behalf of another. *"No love is greater than this..."* is the scriptural line.

We're moving away from our carnivorous dietary habits and definitely frown on its cannibalistic expressions, but we have also become anti-sensual in our transcendence. We sided with Queen Victoria's Frenchified fragrant earlobe cover-ups as missionaries draped the Pacific islanders with long bales of cotton to hide the feminine ankle and veil the masculine torso.

The Seder meal of that long ago Passover dinner in the upper room in Bethany is unequivocal in its singular message: "This is my body...this is my blood." It is the sense experience of embodied sight and hearing, taste and touching, smell and the whole gamut of sensuality that constitute the core of human existence, and the treasure that we share unconditionally one to another!

The economic pole is foundational in the social process, preceding political organization and cultural significance. Its iterative dynamic of resource utilization (natural, human, and technological), engaging human means, force, systems, and created technologies to produce goods and services that are distributed to effectively meet needs, constitutes our humanity. The intrinsic value of human survival and the willful expenditure of physical existence supersede the current addiction at the altar of monetized virtues and values foisted under the sovereign rule of our financial institutions, with the collusion of our legislative bodies and the bolstering of our educational fountains.

Irian Jaya students live in my building but I have not noticed them sitting much around any bonfire. In fact, I caught one of them humming *Amazing Grace* in the elevator.

The lifted Eucharistic elements in the meandering river of consciousness across the wide expanse of the land of mystery inviting us to the mountain of care while navigating the sea of tranquility hold the *summm bonum* of our being: "This is my body, this is my blood, that is given for you."

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and quantum mechanics, we can understand how it is possible that the entire universe, matter, radiation and even space itself could arise spontaneously out of nothing, without explicit divine intervention. Quantum mechanics' Heisenberg uncertainty principle expands what can possibly occur undetected in otherwise empty space. If gravity too is governed by quantum mechanics, then even whole new universes can spontaneously appear and disappear, which means our own universe may not be unique but instead part of a "multiverse."

As particle physics revolutionizes the concepts of "something" (elementary particles and the forces that bind them) and "nothing" (the dynamics of empty space or even the absence of space), the famous question, "Why is there something rather than nothing?" is also revolutionized. Even the very laws of physics we depend on may be a cosmic accident, with different laws in different universes, which further alters how we might connect something with nothing. Asking why we live in a universe of something rather than nothing may be no more meaningful than asking why some flowers are red and others blue.

Perhaps most remarkable of all, not only is it now plausible, in a scientific sense, that our universe came from nothing, if we ask what properties a universe created from nothing would have, it appears that these properties resemble precisely the universe we live in.

Does all of this prove that our universe and the laws that govern it arose spontaneously without divine guidance or purpose? No, but it means it is possible.

And that possibility need not imply that our own lives are devoid of meaning. Instead of divine purpose, the meaning in our lives can arise from what we make of ourselves, from our relationships and our institutions, from the achievements of the human mind.

Imagining living in a universe without purpose may prepare us to better face reality head on. I cannot see that this is such a bad thing. Living in a strange and remarkable universe that is the way it is, independent of our desires and hopes, is far more satisfying for me than living in a fairy-tale universe invented to justify our existence.

Letters to the Editor

Another CNMI is possible

As you all know, things in our beloved CNMI are not as they should be. I don't have to tell you things are bad because everyone knows things are bad. Things have been bad for so long that many of us, especially the youth in our community, believe that "it's just the way things are" and that "it's never going to change." Have we really been victims of this corrupt system for so long, that our people honestly believe that there's no way out of it? I have heard many people, both young and old, say something to the effect that "it's useless, just go with it." I refuse to "just go with it." It is *not* useless. Another CNMI *is* possible. I truly believe that with every fiber of my being.

I will never give up on our islands, no matter how impossible it may seem or how bleak our future may look. No matter how much of an uphill battle it is, I will keep on fighting for another CNMI. I will not stop until we have achieved our collective goal of bringing forth a new age of success and prosperity for our beloved islands. Our children deserve better than this. We owe it to them to fight for a better future for us all. Things weren't this bad for us when we were growing up, so why should we allow them to be this bad (or worse) for our children as they grow up?

No. We know that this is not the way that things are supposed to be in the CNMI. I know that better days are possible, but do *you* know that? I believe another CNMI is possible, and I want to see how many others out there also believe that. That's why I have decided to launch a new campaign called "Another CNMI Is Possible." The purpose is not to make a political statement; it's not to criticize any government official or agency.

The purpose of this campaign is to show everyone in the CNMI just how many of us *believe* that another CNMI truly *is* possible. The purpose of this campaign is to see what other people believe the CNMI *could* be like. The purpose of this campaign is to cast aside all our differences and come together under one unifying statement: WE BELIEVE ANOTHER CNMI IS POSSIBLE.

We don't represent any family, any political party, or any government agency. We simply represent ourselves, the people of the CNMI who believe that there is hope for the CNMI, and that another CNMI is possible. Are you one of us? Do you believe in your heart that another CNMI is possible? If you do, please join us as we launch this campaign. Head over to http://anothercnmiispossible.tumblr.com/post/19958384756/we-believe-another-cnmi-is-possible for more information.

Spread the word about our campaign on Facebook and Twitter. Upload your picture onto your Facebook and put the link in the description/caption of the picture. Get the word out to as many people as possible, and get them to join us in this campaign as well. Let's show everyone who thinks that this is just the way things are and it's never going to change, that they are *wrong*. We have been divided for far too long. It's time to unite, brothers and sisters. Join us.

The main website is http://anothercnmiispossible.tumblr.com/. Check it out, add yourself to the wall, and then spread the word. We hope to see you there soon.

Kelvin Rodeo
Glendale, Calif.

It's about trust and confidence

Hafa adai to the people of the Commonwealth and to all registered voters. Last Saturday, March 24, many midterm political gathering kicked off. Soon, we would be seeing candidates' posters in billboard signs along the roadside. Also, we would see political stickers on vehicles, pocket meetings, and campaigns village to village. Candidates would be visiting homes to ask for your vote of confidence. There are two comments in my mind that I would like to address out to the public.

First, perhaps our Commission on Elections would implement rules and regulation in regards to a candidate willing to be elected to public office. For example, if I want to be a candidate for public office then I have to submit my political platform in writing to the commission for record and file purpose. If I succeed to be in office, then it behooves me under the commission's rules and regulations to do at least 60 percent of my political agenda that I promised the voting public. In case I fail the 60 percent, then I am not in entitled to seek re-election. The voting public is already tired of hearing empty verbal promises made in front of a podium where a candidate holds a microphone and talks. All recorded records speak for themselves. Too much talk and no action is a common problem in the Commonwealth.

The second comment is that I would like to ask our leaders to implement a law in regards to appointees. For example, if the governor wants to appoint John Doe to be a director of the Department of Corruption, then the law should require a background check from top to bottom, including financial issues. It's not bad also to have a law that punishes anyone who is found lying or making false statements in court, lying to voters, and lying to a Senate committee.

Lastly, as a voter I suggest we vote for our DPS commissioner.

Ray Agulto
Kannat Tabla, Saipan

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼78
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼76
Yap	Showers	▲89	▼77
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲91	▼79
Pohnpei	Showers	▲85	▼78
Kosrae	Showers	▲85	▼78
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼78

Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲65	▼60
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲68	▼39
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲72	▼67
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲82	▼71
London	Partly Cloudy	▲55	▼33
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲68	▼48
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲91	▼79
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲81	▼60
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲90	▼74
New York	Sunny	▲58	▼40
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲53	▼42
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲58	▼39
Pusan	Windy	▲55	▼37
Rome	Showers	▲70	▼52
Salem	Showers	▲50	▼34
San Francisco	Sunny	▲56	▼44
Seoul	Sunny	▲48	▼33
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲57	▼39
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲63	▼44

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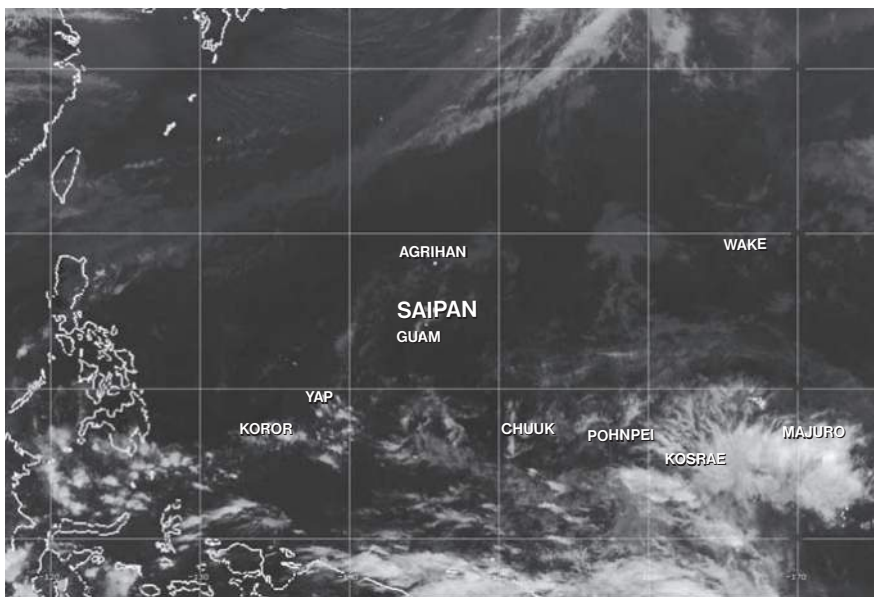

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough runs northward from 10N145E to 18N149E. Scattered showers are found just east of the Marianas within 75 miles of a line from 10N143E to 17N148E. A trade-wind disturbance is generating scattered showers west of Wake Island within 150 miles of a line from 22N163E to 19N161E and within 75 miles of a line from 19N161E to 16N165E to 16N170E. A near-equatorial trough extends from 3N130E to south of Pohnpei at 1N160E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring south of Chuuk, Pohnpei and Kosrae within 150 miles either side of a line from 6N145E to 1N164E. Scattered showers are also found southeast of Yap within 50 miles of a line from 6N139E to 8N142E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers within 250 miles either side of a line from 3N170E to 8N180 including Majuro and Tarawa.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

1:12 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
7:25 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
1:45 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet
7:42 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:10 AM	6:30 PM
Friday	6:09 AM	6:30 PM
Saturday	6:08 AM	6:30 PM
Sunday	6:08 AM	6:30 PM
Monday	6:07 AM	6:30 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	4:57 PM	4:28 AM
Friday	5:57 PM	5:14 AM
Saturday	7:00 PM	6:03 AM
Sunday	8:04 PM	6:54 AM
Monday	9:09 PM	7:50 AM

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C05064	4:15am	4:50am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			
C05064	4:15am	5:45am	1, 5 via ROP
C05070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
C05068	8:25am	9:15am	Daily
C05074	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C05076	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05078	6:50pm	7:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05078	7:00pm	7:50pm	3, 6
C05072	9:55pm	10:45pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05072	10:05pm	10:55pm	3, 6
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
DL287	6:00am	8:40am	Daily
DL285	6:35am	9:15am	1, 3, 5, 7
DL297	4:25pm	7:15pm	Daily
SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)			
OZ119	4:00am	6:40am	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
OZ606	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ119	4:00am	11:20am	Daily via KIX
OZ604	3:20pm	7:10pm	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)			
OZ608	3:35am	7:05am	4, 7
DL581	4:10am	7:30am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
OZ606/701	2:10am	11:15am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:40am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C05070/191	4:35am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:00am	10:25pm	Daily via NRT
C05068/183	8:25am	9:25pm	2, 5 via GUM
C05068/183	8:25am	9:40pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
C05076/183	3:10pm	9:25pm	2, 5 via GUM
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OZ606/721	2:10am	12:00pm	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:40am	12:00pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C05076/147	3:10pm	10:25pm	1, 5 via GUM
OZ604/723	3:20pm	10:30pm	Daily via ICN
OZ604/749	3:20pm	10:50pm	Daily via ICN

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
C05064	5:15am	5:45am	1, 5
ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
C05062	3:10am	3:45am	1, 5
GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
C05062	2:10am	3:45am	1, 5 via ROP
C05069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
C05071	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
C05073	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05075	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C05077	5:30pm	6:20pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05077	5:40pm	6:30pm	3, 6
C05079	8:35pm	9:25pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05079	8:45pm	9:35pm	3, 6
NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:40pm	1:15am+1	Daily
DL286	7:40pm	12:20am+1	2, 4, 6, 7
OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN			
OZ120	9:50pm	2:20am+1	Daily
SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ603	9:00am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	Daily via KIX
OZ605	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ605	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	3, 6
DL580	10:10pm	2:55am+1	4, 7
GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
DL172/288	8:00am	1:15am+1	Daily via NRT
C0190/5077	10:55am	6:30pm	3, 6 via GUM
C0190/5079	10:55am	9:35pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:30pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:30pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/C05071	10:15pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
C0192/5071	10:25pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
C0184/5071	11:10pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ704/603	11:40pm	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
C0184/5071	11:59pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM
HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ724/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ750/603	1:00am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ722/605	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:15pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0180/5071	11:15pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 5K: FlyGuam; 3U: Sichuan Airlines; CZ: China Southern; CO: Continental; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana

ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

Business

How seniors can protect themselves from financial abuse

HAGATNA, Guam—Bank of Hawaii is introducing a new topic to its lineup of free Smart Money Seminars. Called "B-SAFE: Senior Awareness of Financial Exploitation," seminars will be held on April 18 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm at Bank of Hawaii's Garapan branch on Saipan, at the Koror branch in Palau, and from 5pm to 6pm at the Centennial Branch in American Samoa.

In this seminar, participants will learn about senior financial abuse and how to protect themselves and their loved ones from becoming victimized. Millions of people fall victim to fraud each year, and fraudulent activity comes in all shapes and sizes. That is why it is critical for seniors to be educated on the different types of scams.

Seminars will also be held in Guam at various Senior Citizen Centers throughout the island.

The seminars are free to the public—customers and non-customer—and are led by financial experts from Bank of Hawaii. No products or services will be sold at the seminars, and no promotional materials will be distributed.

For additional information on upcoming topics and seminar schedules, go to www.boh.com/seminars or call (671) 479-3567 from Guam, (670) 237-2952 from Saipan, (680) 488-6267 from Palau, or (684) 633-5068 from American Samoa.

Speakers are also available free of charge to community organizations; send a request via email to Barbara.Leon.Guerrero@boh.com. ***(BOH)***

BUSINESS BRIEFS

James Murdoch steps down as BSkyB chairman

LONDON (AP)—Once his father's heir apparent, James Murdoch stepped down Tuesday as chairman of British Sky Broadcasting, surrendering one of the biggest jobs in the Murdoch media empire in a bid to distance the broadcaster from a deepening phone hacking scandal. James Murdoch's credibility and competence have come under severe questioning because of the phone hacking crisis and alleged bribery by British newspapers while he was in charge, and he faces further questioning in the scandal. "I am aware that my role as chairman could become a lightning rod for BSkyB and I believe that my resignation will help to ensure that there is no false conflation with events at a separate organization," the 39-year-old Murdoch said.

US automakers post best monthly sales since 2007

DETROIT (AP)—The recovery in the American auto industry has moved into the fast lane. With gas prices at nearly $4, smaller cars like the Ford Focus, Nissan Versa and Fiat 500 flew off dealer lots in March and gave U.S. car makers their best monthly sales in almost five years. Larger vehicles sold well, too, offering more evidence of growing confidence in the economic recovery. Small businesses, farmers and others took advantage of big promotions to buy pickups. In all, Americans bought 1.4 million cars and trucks in March, up 13 percent from the same month a year ago. Edmunds.com said was the most vehicles sold since August 2007. General Motors, Chrysler and Toyota all reported double-digit gains over last March. Nissan and Hyundai set company records. Only Honda Motor Co. reported a decline.

Europe's central bank looks in vain for growth

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)—Europe is searching for something to get growth going again and pull the eurozone's heavily indebted countries out of their troubles—but with little luck. Unemployment and manufacturing indicators suggest the 17 countries that use the euro are headed for an official recession. Adding to these worrying signs is the realization that many of the traditional tools to give growth a shove—government spending, tax cuts and lower central bank interest rates—are off the table.

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Nation

CA attack suspect upset about expulsion, teasing

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—One Goh's life was on the skids even before he became the suspect in the nation's biggest mass school shooting since Virginia Tech.

He was chased by creditors. He grieved the death of his brother. In January, he was expelled from Oikos University, a small Christian school where he studied nursing. And, police say, he was angry.

Goh, who was born in South Korea, told them he felt disrespected by teasing about his poor English skills at the Oakland school—a college founded as a safe place where Korean immigrants could adjust to a new country and build new careers.

So, he bought a gun and a few weeks later took his revenge, opening fire at the college on Monday in a rampage that left six students and a receptionist dead and wounded three more, authorities said.

"It's very, very sad," police Chief Howard Jordan said. "We have seven people who didn't deserve to die and three others wounded because someone who couldn't deal with the pressures of life."

Police have released little background information about Goh, other than to say he had become a U.S. citizen.

A nursing professor who taught him said Goh would often tell a story about beating someone up who tried to mug him in San Francisco. Romie John Delariman said Goh would say that he picked fights at a park when he was bored.

Goh

"Sometimes he would brag that he was capable of hurting people," Delariman told The Associated Press. "He said he was too old to go school with all the young people, and he said all his classmates were mean to him."

Delariman said Goh suddenly stopped attending his classes in October, after being a regular participant in twice-weekly clinical courses.

Since his arrest at a supermarket near the school soon after the shooting, the details of his life that have emerged suggest a man struggling to deal with personal and family difficulties over the past ten years.

Though records list an Oakland address for Goh in 2004, he lived for most of the decade in Virginia. That state was the site of the Virginia Tech massacre that killed 32 people in 2007. That gunman was a mentally ill student who turned the gun on himself.

Goh, now 43, spent a few months in late 2005 in suburban Richmond and three years in Gloucester County along the Chesapeake Bay, where he lived in an aging townhome complex around the corner from a storage facility.

Next-door neighbors recalled him as being very quiet, but said he would speak if they spoke first. Goh kept to himself to the point that neighbor Thomas Lumpkin, 70, never learned Goh's name.

"He was always well-dressed, nicely shaved, and his hair nicely cut," he said.

In 2009, Goh was evicted for owing back rent. A message left with the apartment rental office on Tuesday wasn't immediately returned.

Online records in the two Virginia localities show that, while Goh was there, he racked up tens of thousands in liens and judgments, including a $10,377 debt to SunTrust Bank in 2006.

The Internal Revenue Service also issued tax liens against him in 2006 and 2009 totaling more than $23,000, though he apparently paid about $14,000 back in 2008, according to records.

According to Gloucester County Court records, Capital One sued him for $985.96 on an unpaid credit card bill, plus court costs. The court issued a judgment against him on Dec. 9, 2011.

His brother was an Army sergeant stationed in Germany who died in a March 2011 car crash while attending Special Forces selection training in Virginia, according to the military newspaper Stars and Stripes.

Romney sweeps Wisconsin, Maryland and DC

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Mitt Romney tightened his grip on the Republican presidential nomination Tuesday night, sweeping primaries in Wisconsin, Maryland and Washington, D.C., with time left over to swap charges with President Barack Obama.

"Four more years?" Romney asked sarcastically of the president as supporters cheered in Milwaukee.

He said Obama was "a little out of touch" after spending four years surrounded by the trappings of power and had presided over near-record job losses as well as increases in poverty, home foreclosures, government debt and gasoline prices. In Washington, Obama said things could be worse—and he predicted they would be if Romney and the Republicans got their way.

Romney

The victories enabled Romney to pad his already-wide delegate lead over Republican rival Rick Santorum, who flashed defiance in the face of pressure to abandon his own candidacy in the name of party unity.

Wisconsin was the marquee contest of the night, the only place of the three on the ballot where Santorum mounted a significant effort. Romney's victory there marked his fourth in little more than a month in a belt of industrial states that also included Michigan, Ohio, and Illinois.

Returns from 80 percent of the state's precincts showed Romney with 42 percent of the vote to 38 percent for Santorum, 12 percent for Ron Paul and 6 percent for Newt Gingrich.

Tornadoes rake Dallas area, more than a dozen hurt

DALLAS (AP)—Tornadoes and violent storms raked through the Dallas area Tuesday, crumbling the wing of a nursing home, peeling roofs from dozens of homes and spiraling big-rig trailers into the air like footballs. More than a dozen injuries were reported.

Overturned cars left streets unnavigable and flattened trucks clogged highway shoulders. Preliminary estimates were that six to 12 tornadoes had touched down in North Texas, senior National Weather Service meteorologist Eric Martello said. But firm numbers would only come after survey teams checked damage Wednesday, he said.

In suburban Dallas, Lancaster Police officer Paul Beck said 10 people were injured, two of them severely. Three people were injured in Arlington, including two residents of a nursing home who were taken to a hospital with minor injuries after swirling winds clipped the building, city assistant fire chief Jim Self said.

"Of course the windows were flying out, and my sister is paralyzed, so I had to get someone to help me get her in a wheelchair to get her out of the room," said Joy Johnston, who was visiting her 79-year-old sister at the Green Oaks Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. "It was terribly loud."

Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport canceled hundreds of flights and diverted others heading its way. Among the most stunning video was an industrial section of Dallas, where rows of empty tractor-trailers crumpled like soda cans littered a parking lot.

"The officers were watching the tornadoes form and drop," Kennedale police Chief Tommy Williams said. "It was pretty active for a while."

The confirmed tornadoes touched down near Royce City and Silver Springs, said National Weather Service meteorologist Matt Bishop. A tornado watch remained in effect until 8 p.m.

April is the peak of the tornado season that runs from March until June. Bishop said Tuesday's storms suggest that "we're on pace to be above normal."

Johnston said her sister was taken to the hospital because of her delicate health. Another resident at the nursing home, Louella Curtis, 92, said workers roused her out of bed and put her in the hall.

"The hallways were all jammed," Johnston said. "Everyone was trying to help each other to make a path for others. I'd say everybody was out of their rooms within 20 minutes."

Most of Dallas was spared the full wrath of the storm. Yet in Lancaster, television helicopters panned over exposed homes without roofs and flattened buildings. Broken sheets of plywood blanketed lawns and covered rooftops.

AP
Homes in Lancaster, Texas lay destroyed by a tornado on Tuesday, April 3, 2012.

Woman, 80, lands plane on low fuel; husband dies

MILWAUKEE (AP)—An 80-year-old woman with little flying experience knew her husband had died after he fell unconscious at the controls of a small plane, yet she remained calm as she landed the aircraft at a northeastern Wisconsin airport, her son said Tuesday.

In a phone interview with The Associated Press, James Collins said he's also a pilot and had helped his mother Helen Collins via radio as the Cessna twin-engine plane began running out of gas Monday evening. Another pilot also took to the skies to guide her to the ground at Cherryland Airport, near Sturgeon Bay—about 150 miles north of Milwaukee.

He said his mother took lessons to take off and land about 30 years ago at her husband's urging, in case something happened to him, but never got her license. She has flown hundreds of hours by his side.

"At one point she didn't even want the wingman to go up," he said. "She said, `Don't you guys think I could do this on my own? Don't you have confidence in me?' She was calmer than everybody on the ground. She had it totally under control."

They were coming back from their second home in Marco Island, Fla. for Easter, Collins said. His 81-year-old father, John Collins, had a heart attack about seven minutes from landing at Cherryland Airport and had called her to the cockpit before he became unconscious, Collins said. She had called 911 and that's when everyone came together to help her down.

The pilot who helped was Robert Vuksanovic, who lived just a mile from the airport, said Keith Kasbohm, director of Cherryland Airport. After getting the call from Kasbohm, Vuksanovic jumped in another plane owned by the Collins and flew up to meet the Cessna while instructing the novice on the radio.

"He felt it would be easier," Kasbohm said. "With him alongside of her he could control her speed and altitude" before she attempted a landing.

Collins said his mother knew her husband had died after she unsuccessfully tried to get him back into his seatbelt, which he unbuckled before he collapsed.

He said one engine had completely run out of gas and the other had to be close to running out because it was sputtering. The nose-wheel collapsed upon landing and she skidded down the runway about 1,000 feet, but she worked the rudders to keep the plane straight.

"The amazing thing is she landed that plane on one engine," Collins said. "I don't know if are a lot of trained pilots that could do that."

Asia

ACROSS THE NATION

Thailand on alert after bombings in south kill 14

BANGKOK (AP)—Thai authorities are warning of more possible attacks by Islamist insurgents after the deadliest bombings in years in two southern cities over the weekend. Deputy Prime Minister Yuthasak Sasiprapa said Tuesday that attacks similar to Saturday's coordinated explosions in the commercial districts of Hat Yai and Yala could occur in Thailand's southernmost provinces in April or May. Fourteen people were killed and more than 300 wounded Saturday. Yuthasak said hardline militants carried out the attacks in retaliation for a major crackdown on southern insurgents.

Myanmar leader praises elections as 'successful'

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)—Myanmar's president said Tuesday that elections won by democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi and her party were successful, issuing the first government endorsement of the historic polls. When asked by The Associated Press if he thought the weekend by-elections were free and fair, President Thein Sein said: "It was conducted in a very successful manner." Thein Sein's remark was the first comment by a top government official since Sunday's polls. He spoke on the sidelines of a summit in Cambodia of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, ASEAN, which gave him a vote of confidence Tuesday.

NATO: Service member killed in Afghanistan's south

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—NATO says a roadside bomb killed one of its service members in southern Afghanistan. In a statement Wednesday, NATO said the service member was killed on Tuesday. It provided no other details on the incident or on the nationality of the service member. So far this year, 94 NATO service members have been killed in Afghanistan, including at least 52 Americans.

Storm slams Japan, kills 2 and paralyzes traffic

TOKYO (AP)—A powerful rainstorm is battering Japan, paralyzing traffic and leaving thousands of homes without electricity. Two people have been killed and dozens injured by the storm that lashed across Japan's main island of Honshu on Tuesday. A low pressure system was causing the storm that had winds of 108 kilometers (67 miles) per hour - nearly typhoon strength. The Meteorological Agency urged people to stay indoors. Police said two people died in separate warehouse collapses in Toyama in the north and Kagawa in southern Japan. Public broadcaster NHK tallied more than 160 people injured. The storm halted commuter trains and grounded more than 500 domestic flights in and around Tokyo. Many companies and stores closed early. More than 10,000 households lost electricity.

9 Afghan police killed, 11 abducted in 2 days

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Militants have stepped up their attacks against Afghan police, killing nine and abducting 11 across the nation in the past two days, authorities said Tuesday—charging that poison was involved in one incident. Insurgents "poisoned the police" with food at a checkpoint in the Nahri Sarraj district of Helmand province in southern Afghanistan, then attacked the police at the check post late Monday, the governor's office said in a statement. Four police officers were killed and two were wounded in the attack. The bodies of two civilians also were found at the checkpoint.

Pit bulls in Philippine dog fights to be put down

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Sixteen pit bulls rescued from a dogfighting ring in the Philippines were euthanized Tuesday for lack of facilities to rehabilitate them and prevent them from reappearing in underground arenas. Roughly 300 dogs were rescued in separate raids late Friday in Laguna province south of Manlia, said Anna Cabrera of the Philippine Animal Welfare Society. Seventeen with the worst injuries were put down over the weekend, and the health of the living dogs and the progress of rehabilitating them will determine how many of them ultimately survive.

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World

Syrian troops start pullout ahead of cease-fire deadline

BEIRUT (AP)—Syrian troops began pulling out Tuesday from some calm cities and headed back to their bases a week ahead of a deadline to implement an international cease-fire plan, a government official said.

The claim could not immediately be verified and activists near the capital Damascus denied troops were leaving their area. They said the day regime forces withdraw from streets, Syria will witness massive protests that will overthrow the government.

"Forces began withdrawing to outside calm cities and are returning to their bases, while in tense areas, they are pulling out to the outskirts," the government official told The Associated Press in Damascus without saying when the withdrawal began. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the media.

President Bashar Assad agreed just days ago to an April 10 deadline to implement international envoy Kofi Annan's truce plan. It requires regime forces to withdraw from towns and cities and observe a cease-fire. Rebel fighters are to immediately follow by ceasing violence.

Khaled al-Omar, an activist in the Damascus suburb of Saqba, denied that any withdrawal was under way in his area.

"This is impossible. I can see a checkpoint from my window," he said via Skype, adding the regime forces were still in the main square.

Earlier in the day, opposition activists charged that the regime was racing to crush opponents ahead of the cease-fire deadline by carrying out intense raids, arrests and shelling on Tuesday.

Opposition activists have blasted Annan's plan as too little, too late and are particularly angry that it does not call for Assad to leave power—the central demand of the uprising. They suspect Assad will manipulate the plan and use it to stall for time while his forces continue to crack down.

"He thinks he can win more time to take control of all Syrian cities," activist Adel al-Omari said by phone from the southern town of Dael, where regime forces have been torching activists' homes since they raided on Monday. "This won't happen, because as soon as he withdraws his tanks from the cities, the people will come out and push to topple the regime."

Western leaders have cautiously accepted the April 10 deadline while pointing out that Assad has broken previous promises and insisting the regime must be judged by its actions.

Also Tuesday, Amnesty International said people are still being arrested across Syria, including 13 students who were beaten at their school in the Damascus suburb of Daraya.

The organization said it received the names of 232 individuals, including 17 children, who were reported to have been killed since Syria agreed to the plan on March 27.

"The evidence shows that Assad's supposed agreement to the Annan plan is having no impact on the ground," said Suzanne Nossel, executive director of Amnesty International USA.

Titanomania: Museum charts obsession with Titanic

AP

A woman looks at a photograph of the Grand Staircase from the Titanic, at SeaCity Museum in Southampton, England,Tuesday, April 3, 2012. The new museum will open in the City of Southampton on April 10, 100 years after the ill fated Titanic sailed from the City's docks.

By RAPHAEL SATTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOUTHAMPTON, England (AP)—Somewhere between the black Titanic teddy bears and the pale Iceberg beer, the Titanic Barbie doll and the "Tubtanic" bath plug, the global obsession with the story of the doomed ocean liner began to border on the absurd.

A new museum opening April 10 in the English port city of Southampton has taken this into account, explaining how the world has reported, retold, and sometimes become utterly fixated on the fateful night in April 1912 that saw the White Star liner sink beneath the waves.

"We're looking to tell a different part of the Titanic story," said city council member Mike Harris, speaking Tuesday at a preview event for Southampton's recently built SeaCity Museum.

The museum had plenty of material to draw on.

The ship is at the center of one of the world's best-known tales and one of the best-selling films in Hollywood history. Nearly 100 years to the day since it went down, claiming 1,514 lives, the demise of the reputedly unsinkable ship continues to fascinate, launching films, books, television mini-series and—here and elsewhere—museums.

SeaCity's first temporary exhibit, "Titanic: The Legend," looks at how the circumstances of the ship's voyage has turned into a global obsession.

A world map charts some of the 1,160 Titanic memorials spread across 34 countries, including India, Croatia and Russia. Screens broadcast clips from five different Titanic films, from James Cameron's global blockbuster "Titanic" to the 1912 silent film, "In Night and Ice," which appeared only weeks after the ship sank.

The merchandise appeared almost as quickly. The exhibit carries examples of German plush toy maker Steiff's black "mourning bears," bought as a symbol of solidarity with the victims. Cheaper were the "in memoriam" postcards bearing pictures of the luxury cruiser.

Recent years have seen the proliferation of more varied offerings—from jigsaw puzzles to video games and more.

The Titanic brewery, founded in 1985 in the English town of Stoke-on-Trent, offers a range (or "fleet") of Titanic-themed ales, including "Steerage," "Lifeboat" and "Capt. Smith's," an homage to the hometown hero who went down with the ship.

Beer not to your taste? Use a "Gin and Titonic" mold to make ship- and iceberg-shaped ice cubes for your cocktails. The product's tag line: "Sink one in your drink."

SeaCity—which scoured the Internet for many of its items—came up with a wide range of kitsch. The "Tubtanic" bath plug lets you splash along with a toy version of the ocean liner as you wash your hair. There are paperweights, in case you'd like the sinking ship to anchor your "In" tray. The Titanic-branded golf balls, one imagines, can help excuse a disastrous swing.

Titanic memorabilia collector John Creamer put it best in his written introduction to one of the exhibits.

"There's some weird stuff out there," he said.

The Southampton museum—built on the site of a disused court building—is merely the latest in a string of Titanic offerings to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the doomed ship's voyage in April 1912.

Last Saturday, Belfast opened its impressive 100-million pound ($160 million, (EURO)120 million) Titanic Belfast visitor center to celebrate the city where the ship was built.

Clashes in rival towns kill 22 in western Libya

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—Militias from rival towns in western Libya battled each other with tanks and artillery on Tuesday in fierce fighting that killed at least 22 people, local officials said.

The clashes erupted over the weekend between the Arab-majority town of Ragdalein and the Berber-dominated town of Zwara, some 110 kilometers (70 miles) west of the capital Tripoli. The violence is fueled by deep-rooted animosity between the neighbors, who took different sides in Libya's civil war that toppled Moammar Gadhafi last year.

The fighting is the latest in a series of local rivalries that threaten to divide Libya along tribal and regional lines. Libya's new leaders, who took power after Gadhafi's capture and killing in October, have struggled to stamp their authority on the country and rein in the myriad armed groups that helped defeat the dictator's forces but have refused to disarm.

In Tuesday's clashes, local Ragdalein official Rami Kaanan said 17 fighters and town residents were killed, including two women and one infant. The infant was killed when a rocket fell on his home, collapsing the ceiling, Kaanan said.

Zwara spokesman Adel Kashbour said five people from his side were killed and 49 wounded.

"The fighting continues. Two rockets landed in the city, killing two young men," Kashbour said of the most recent deaths.

The clashes first began Sunday after fighters from Ragdalein said they took 34 men from the Zwara brigade hostage to avenge what Ragdalein forces said were months of abuses, including the looting of property.

The hostages were released Monday after mediation, but the cease-fire quickly collapsed.

Prime Minister Abdurrahim el-Keib said he, along with his defense minister and chief of staff, met with elders from Zwara on Tuesday, and will later meet with tribal leaders from Ragdalein to discuss a cease-fire and reconciliation.

"We will send forces from the defense and interior ministries to resolve the issue, stop both sides, and be in the middle to quell the violence," el-Keib said. "I am very optimistic."

Libya's Interior Ministry dispatched police forces to the towns on Monday to quell the violence, but they were overpowered by the heavily-armed local militias.

UN: 2.4 million human trafficking victims

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—The U.N. crime-fighting office says 2.4 million people across the globe are victims of human trafficking at any one time, and 80 percent of them are being used as sexual slaves.

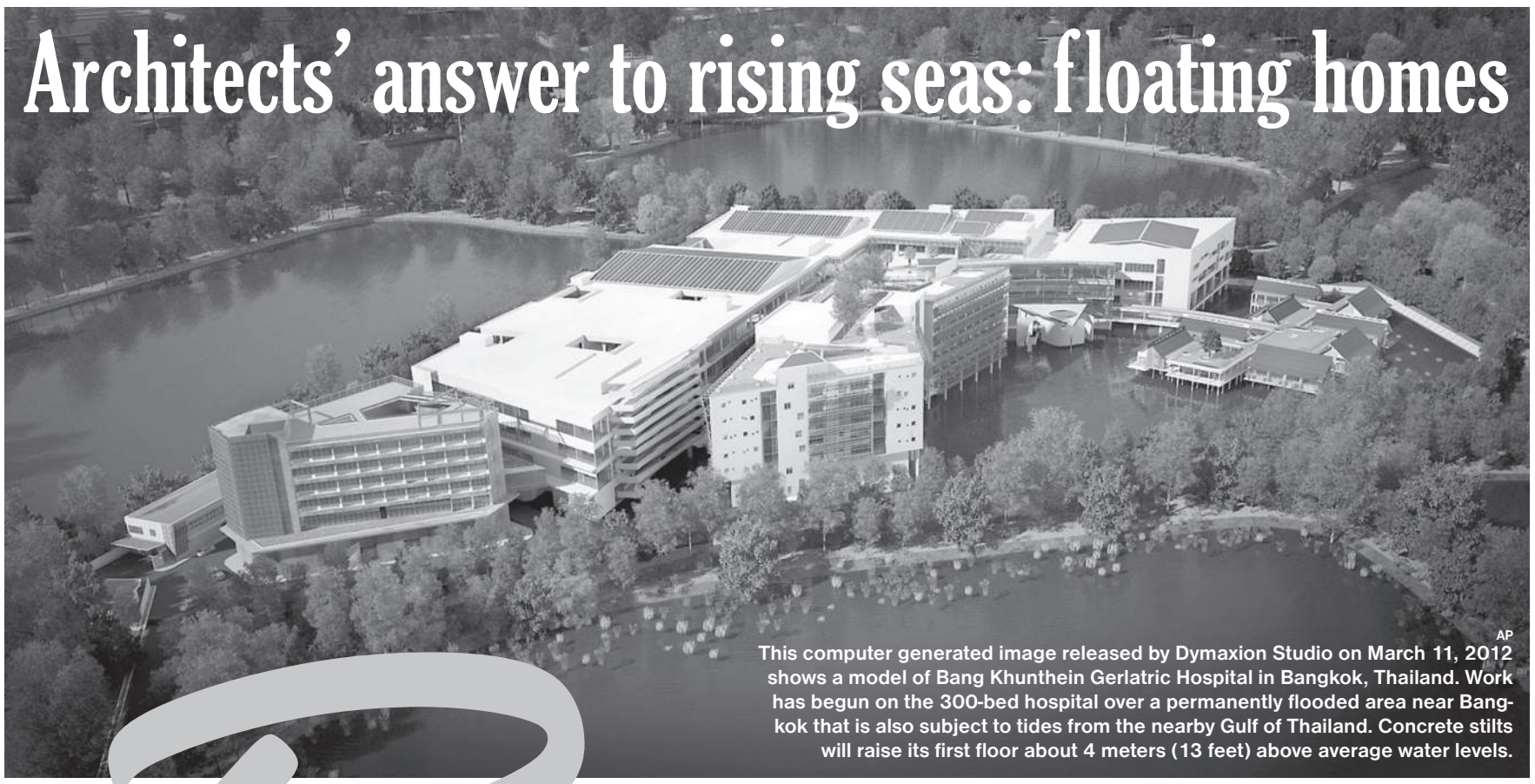
Yuri Fedotov, the head of the U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime, told a daylong General Assembly meeting on trafficking Tuesday that two out of every three victims are women. He said $32 billion is being earned every year by unscrupulous criminals running human trafficking networks.

Fedotov said fighting these criminals "is a challenge of extraordinary proportions."

Michelle Bachelet, who heads the new U.N. agency promoting women's rights and gender equality, said "it's difficult to think of a crime more hideous and shocking than human trafficking. Yet, it is one of the fastest growing and lucrative crimes."

Focus

Architects' answer to rising seas: floating homes



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This computer generated image released by Dymaxion Studio on March 11, 2012 shows a model of Bang Khunthein Gerlatric Hospital in Bangkok, Thailand. Work has begun on the 300-bed hospital over a permanently flooded area near Bangkok that is also subject to tides from the nearby Gulf of Thailand. Concrete stilts will raise its first floor about 4 meters (13 feet) above average water levels.

By DENIS D. GRAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BANGKOK (AP)—A floating mosque and golf course for the submerging Maldives islands. Amphibious homes in the Netherlands lifted to safety as waters surge beneath them. A hospital perched on 400 stilts to protect patients from Thailand's devastating floods and the encroaching sea.

Around the world, architects and city planners are exploring ways mankind and water may be able to coexist as oceans rise and other phenomenon induced by climate change, including extreme, erratic floods, threaten land-rooted living.

With the Dutch at the helm, projects in the cutting-edge field of aqua-architecture are already in place, including a maritime housing estate, floating prison and greenhouses in the Netherlands. An increasing number are coming on stream, and while earlier blueprints appeared to be the stuff of science fiction, advocates say leaps of imagination are still needed given the magnitude of the danger.

"The focus on floating solutions has grown enormously. It has shifted from freak architecture to more sustainable, flexible alternatives," says Dutch architect Koen Olthuis, citing growing support by governments and interest among private investors in Asia and Russia.

"We will have to live with a more watery environment. There is no choice," says Danai Thaitakoo, a Thai landscape architect whose own Bangkok house was swamped last year as the country suffered its worst floods of modern times.

The Thai capital is also among the mega coastal cities projected by the end of this century to lie totally or partially under water as global warming boosts sea levels, according to the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Others include Tokyo, London, Jakarta, Sydney and Shanghai—an apocalyptic prospect of mass migrations and economic crises.

While in earlier decades architects and planners, particularly Japanese and Americans, dreamed of entire marine cities housing millions, most today are proposing a mix of defending communities with barriers and building on water using floating platforms, raised or amphibious structures and solutions still being devised.

"Climate change will require a radical shift within design practice from the solid-state view of landscape urbanism to the more dynamic, liquid-state view of waterscape urbanism," says Danai, who is involved in several projects based on this principle. "Instead of embodying permanence, solidity and longevity, liquid perception will emphasize change, adaptation."

In a study for low-lying New York, Olthuis says he envisioned Manhattan ringed by a sea wall with outlying boroughs allowing water to enter and adapting. The world's Londons and Bangkoks, he says, may become "hydro-cities," their historic hearts and concentrated core development waterproofed and other areas "going with the flow."

The Netherlands, a third of which lies below sea level, has been managing water since the Middle Ages and is thus a pioneer in the field. It has exported its expertise to Indonesia, China, Thailand, Dubai and the Republic of the Maldives, an Indian Ocean archipelago that with a maximum elevation of about 2 meters (8 feet) is the world's lowest country. The sea-battered city of New Orleans has also sought advice from Olthuis's Waterstudio.

In the Maldives, Waterstudio has designed a network of floating islands, the first to be put in place next year, to accommodate hotels, a convention center, yacht club and villas. The "islands," secured by steel cables, are made up of pontoons with a foam core encased in concrete that can be joined together like Lego blocks. An 18-hole golf course will also be set on such platforms, each with two to three holes, connected by underwater tunnels. The $500 million project, paid for by the Maldivian government and private investors, is slated for completion in 2015.

A floating mosque, originally destined for Dubai before an economic downturn hit, is also part of the master plan, Olthuis said in an interview.

Following the principles of "water will always find its way" and "collaborating with nature," the Dutch have reversed some of their earlier strategy of tightly defending their land with dikes by allowing the sea to penetrate some areas on which housing has been constructed.

One pioneering effort was the placement of amphibious and floating homes on the River Maas in 2005. All survived major 2011 floods that forced the evacuation of villages along rain-swollen rivers.

Construction recently began on the Olthuis-designed New Water estate, 600 homes and a luxury apartment complex on land purposely inundated. Interest in water-based living and work space has accelerated over the past decade, he says, and Waterstudio's drawing boards are stacked with plans for local and international projects.

Typical amphibious houses, like the two-story ones on the Maas, consist of a structure that slides into a steel framework over a hollow foundation which, like the hull of a ship, buoys up the building when water enters.

The Maas houses sell from $310,000, about 25 percent more than equivalent homes, in part due to the cost of connecting them to utilities and drainage. But Olthuis says such linkages are simple and present no inconvenience to owners.

"Just proven technology of plug-and-play systems. All tested and used for years in Holland," he says.

"The only time you will see a difference between a floating house and the traditional one is during floods—when your house rises above the water and your neighbor's stays put," Olthuis says.

Along similar lines will be Britain's first amphibious house, recently granted planning permission along the banks of the Thames River in Buckinghamshire. The 225-square-meter (2,421-square-foot) home will be able to rise to 2.5 meters (8.2 feet) in the event of flooding.

Thai architect Chutayaves Sinthuphan, who will be unveiling a pilot amphibious house for the Thai government in September, says interest in such projects has grown since last year's floods, which killed more than 600 people and affected more than a fifth of the country's 64 million people.

"We have had proposals out for some time, but nobody paid much attention to them until the floods came," he says.

His Site-Specific Company has already built such houses for private clients, using modern techniques and materials but like other architects in Asia looking to a past when communities adapted well to annual monsoon season inundations.

They point to a riverside village in the southern province of Surat Thani, where everyone lived on homes atop bamboo rafts until all but three families moved on land. Those three homes were the only ones that survived last year's floods.

In the mid-19th century, almost all of Bangkok lived on houses built atop stilts or rafts. Since then, most canals have been paved over and the stilt houses replaced by a concrete urbanscape that holds back water instead of allowing it to flow through.

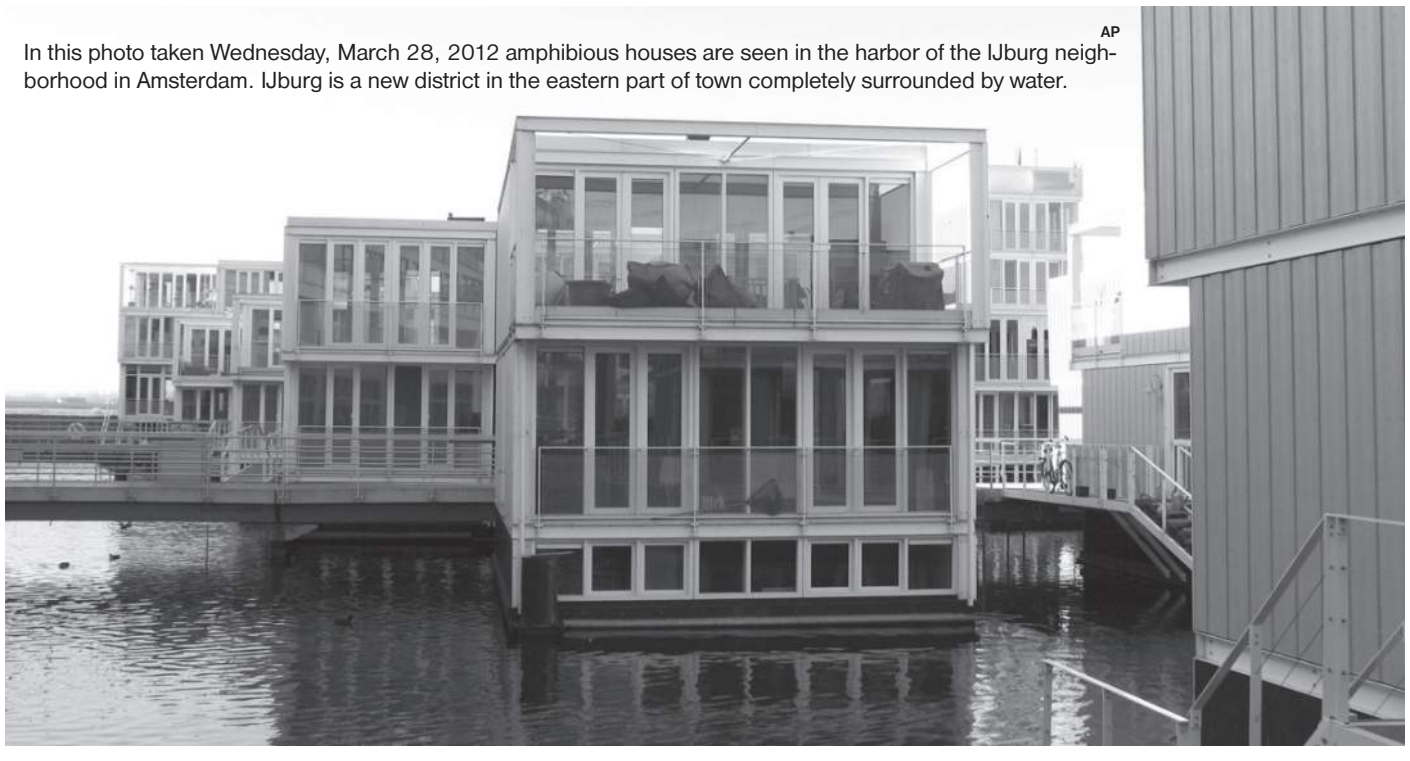
Architect Prisdha Jumsai has borrowed from traditional methods to design Thailand's first hospital for the aged. Work has begun on the 300-bed hospital over a permanently flooded area near Bangkok that is also subject to tides from the nearby Gulf of Thailand. Concrete stilts will raise its first floor about 4 meters (13 feet) above average water levels.

"We hope this will influence people not to just fill in land but to build on water. I think it will open up new ideas for Thais who can look to traditional architecture and make it more up-to-date in design," Prisdha says.

But this still appears to be a minority view.

"Most Thais look to Western, land-based models and most architects still don't talk about environmental concerns. They talk about how a house will look and make you feel good," says Danai. "But this will have to change. It's about survival."

Associated Press writer Mike Corder in The Hague contributed to this story.



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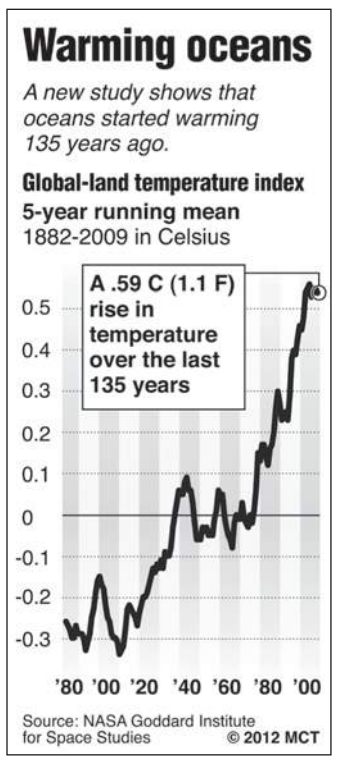
In this photo taken Wednesday, March 28, 2012 amphibious houses are seen in the harbor of the IJburg neighborhood in Amsterdam. IJburg is a new district in the eastern part of town completely surrounded by water.

Environment

How sharks are going extinct

By MARSHALL BRAIN
HOWSTUFFWORKS.COM

It is hard to imagine sharks ever going extinct. Sharks have been roaming the oceans for millions and millions of years. Paleontologists have discovered scales and teeth from sharks more than 400 million years old. There are more than 400 species of sharks known today, ranging in size from less than a foot to more than 30 feet long.



Unfortunately, human beings are putting so much pressure on sharks from so many different angles that many species are already endangered. It is thought that more than a third of shark species could succumb to these pressures and become extinct in the near future.

What kind of human threats do sharks face? Let us count the ways.

First there are habitat problems. Human activities impact every part of the ocean. Carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is increasing the acidity of the ocean. Urban runoff, farm runoff, silt runoff and sewage all change ocean chemistry and water quality. There is growing evidence that the Great Barrier Reef will be gone in 20 years because of ocean warming. According to one scientist there is nothing we can do to stop it at this point. With reefs dying off, sharks take a huge hit.

There is also the problem with plastic. The oceans have filled with pieces of plastic both large and tiny, because plastic does not biodegrade. Any species that feeds of plankton, like the whale shark, is now ingesting plastic with its food. This problem will only grow worse going forward, as there is nothing being done right now to solve the problem and no plan for cleaning plastic out of the oceans.

Then there is the loss of fish. Because of everything from overfishing to water quality problems to loss of habitat, it is thought that the oceans will run out of fish over the next several decades. With nothing to eat, many shark species will perish with the fish they depend on.

Then there is direct fishing pressure on sharks. One article I read this week mentioned that 100 million sharks are killed each year for their fins alone. That is, the shark is caught, the fins removed, and then the still-living but helpless animal is thrown back in the ocean to die. If you think back to the buffalo that once roamed the American plains by the millions, you see a direct correlation. The buffalo were hunted to near extinction in just a few decades. Sharks are quite likely to follow the same path unless something is done to stop the carnage.

Finally there is unintended capture. While fishing for other species, fishermen often catch sharks in their nets. The sharks die in the process.

When you put all of these pressures together, it does not look good for sharks. Scientists think that we could lose a third of shark species in the near future.

It seems like an impossible problem. And some parts of it are impossible for us to solve as individuals. But if you have any desire to help sharks and other marine animals, there are two things you, as a single person, can do.

First, you can stop eating seafood—all seafood—and encourage your friends and neighbors to do the same. Get evangelistic about it if you like. If enough people around the world stopped eating things like tuna, flounder, salmon and swordfish, there would be more fish in the ocean. Plus, it will cut back on the sharks killed by fishermen looking for other species. This would give sharks some breathing room and time to recover.

The second thing you can do is to put persistent pressure on local and national governments to stop ocean pollution and to end carbon emissions. The fact that we could lose the Great Barrier Reef should be a wake-up call for all of us. That would be an immense tragedy, and something that should shake us to our core. Help your government see that this situation must be reversed.

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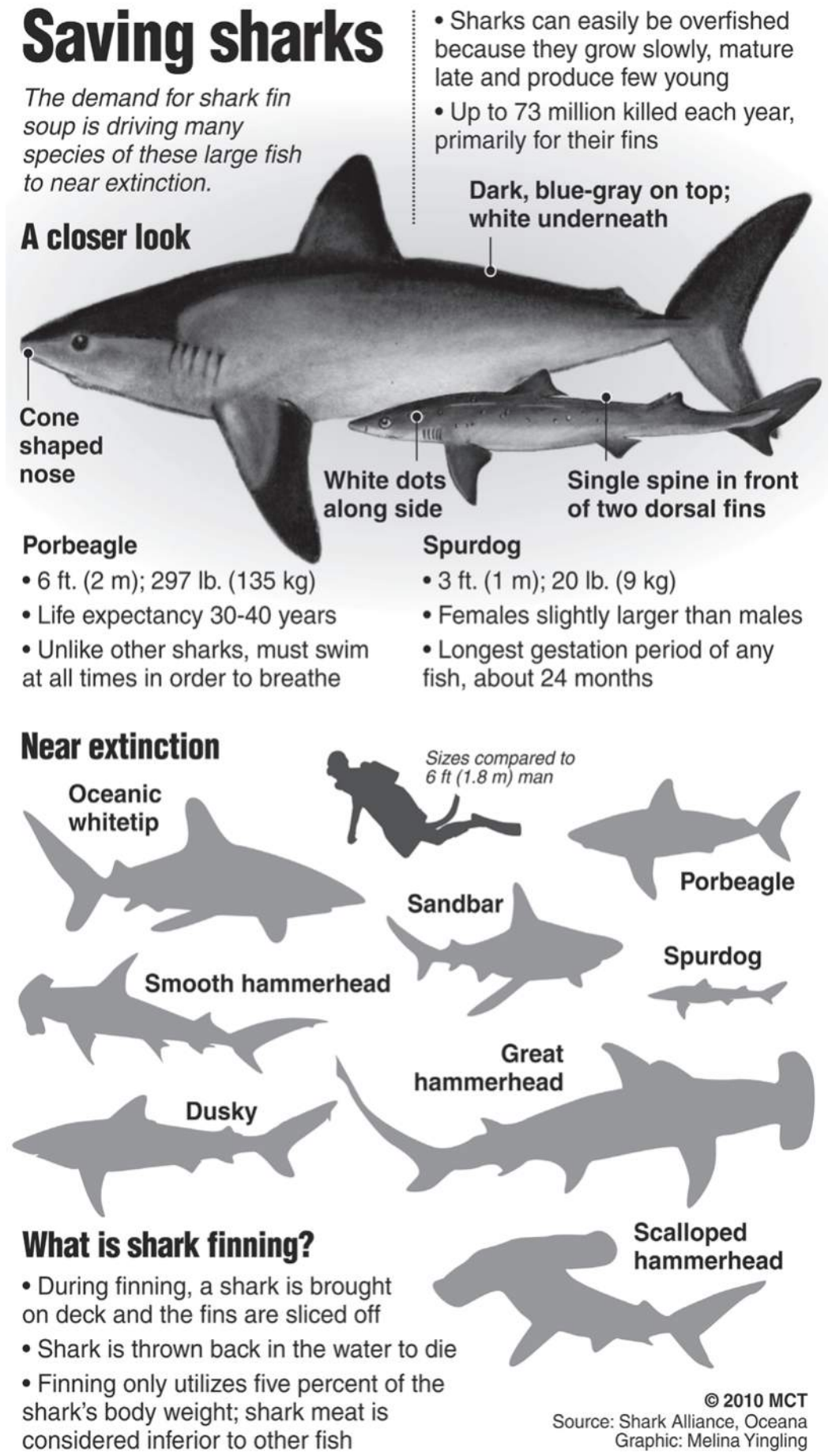
Saving sharks
The demand for shark fin soup is driving many species of these large fish to near extinction.
• Sharks can easily be overfished because they grow slowly, mature late and produce few young
• Up to 73 million killed each year, primarily for their fins
A closer look
Dark, blue-gray on top; white underneath
Cone shaped nose
White dots along side
Single spine in front of two dorsal fins
Porbeagle
• 6 ft. (2 m); 297 lb. (135 kg)
• Life expectancy 30-40 years
• Unlike other sharks, must swim at all times in order to breathe
Spurdog
• 3 ft. (1 m); 20 lb. (9 kg)
• Females slightly larger than males
• Longest gestation period of any fish, about 24 months
Near extinction
Sizes compared to 6 ft (1.8 m) man
Oceanic whitetip
Porbeagle
Sandbar
Spurdog
Smooth hammerhead
Great hammerhead
Dusky
Scalloped hammerhead
What is shark finning?
• During finning, a shark is brought on deck and the fins are sliced off
• Shark is thrown back in the water to die
• Finning only utilizes five percent of the shark's body weight; shark meat is considered inferior to other fish
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DO YOUR PART

Top 7 green cleaning secrets

By TERRI BENNETT
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Spring is here and that means it's time for a good spring-cleaning. Instead of bringing in chemical cleaners to do the dirty work, opt for a deep, green clean. Using safer cleaning products helps create a healthier home and a healthier family. Today, I'm sharing my top 7 green cleaning secrets to help you do your part for your environment.

1 WHITE VINEGAR WORKS WONDERS

White vinegar is a natural disinfectant that works just about everywhere. Mix a 50/50 solution of vinegar and water for a germ-busting disinfectant to clean kitchen counters, bathrooms, and most floors. You can bring this mixture to a boil in the microwave to loosen stuck on food and grease. And 1 cup of vinegar in dishwasher will clean its inner workings. One warning: don't use vinegar on marble or other porous surfaces.

2 BAKING SODA SOLUTIONS

Baking soda works well on most things in the kitchen because it doesn't scratch. That makes it a good choice for countertops, oven tops, stainless steel, and the sink. If you have stubborn stains, use a baking soda paste of three parts baking soda and one part water. Let it sit for a while, scrub the area, and then wipe clean.

3 TACKLE BATHROOM BLUES WITH BORAX

Borax is an effective mold killer and works well on hard water deposits. Use a paste to scrub the sides of the tub to a sparkling white, or mix a solution of 1 cup of borax with 1 gallon of hot water to eat away at mold in tile grout. A cup of borax left in the toilet bowl overnight leaves it fresh and clean.

4 CHOSE AIR FRESHENERS THAT DON'T POLLUTE

Many popular air fresheners contain a host of man-made chemicals that can contribute to indoor air pollution and the manufacturers aren't required to list the ingredients on the label. These "air-fresheners" can actually leave dangerous levels of hormone disrupting phthalates or formaldehyde (a known carcinogen) behind. Fresh air, baking soda (sprinkled in everything from garbage cans to tennis shoes), soy candles, or essential oils are healthier options.

5 GREEN YOUR LAUNDRY ROUTINE

Green up laundry day by switching to a phosphate-free plant-based detergent. For softer clothes add ¼ cup of vinegar to the rinse cycle as a natural fabric softener (use less for HE machines). The smell of vinegar disappears as the clothes dry.

6 BREAK THE PAPER TOWEL HABIT

You can wean your family off paper towels by keeping a drawer of reusable cloths nearby. Whether you choose kitchen towels, washcloths, or cut up old T-shirts, the key is in quantity. Make sure you have plenty of options on hand for wiping down the counters or cleaning up an unexpected coffee spill.

7 SAFELY DISPOSE OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Household Hazardous Waste refers to items such as old paints, chemical cleaners, used motor oil, and more. These items should never be thrown in the trash where they can contaminate our air, land, and water. Locate a full service recycling facility in your area by using the search engine at Earth911.com.

When you spring clean this year, there's no need to pollute your home or the planet. Instead, find non-toxic solutions to tackle every project on your list. You can find a complete list of green cleaning recipes at DoYourPart.com/Columns along with my must have items for every green cleaning kit. It's an important way to Do Your Part for the environment and your family.

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Life & Style

Palin and Couric: No drama on morning TV showdown

NEW YORK (AP)—Viewers who fantasized about potshots being volleyed between Sarah Palin and Katie Couric were disappointed Tuesday morning. Both women did their own thing in their respective morning-show guest spots.

Palin was the much-hyped guest co-host on NBC's "Today," going head-to-head against former "Today" anchor Katie Couric, who this week is subbing on "Good Morning America" at her current workplace, ABC.

Greeting Palin, host Matt Lauer joked that as part of the "Today" team, she was briefly including herself in the "lamestream media" she often rails about.

But Couric, with whom Palin has a particular beef after a bruising 2008 interview as the GOP vice presidential candidate, went unmentioned.

The closest reference to that face-off, which took place when Couric anchored the "CBS Evening News": Palin was first glimpsed Tuesday on the "Today" show couch with her face buried in newspapers. It was a good-sport nod to an embarrassing moment from the Couric interview, when Palin couldn't name any newspapers she regularly read, instead replying that she read "all of them, any of them that have been in front of me over all these years."

Over on "GMA," Couric was having fun in a video of taking a tour outside ABC's Times Square Studio, where, at Madam Tussauds, she approached a wax statue of her former "Today" sidekick Al Roker and inquired, "How's the weather in your neck of the woods?"

If Couric is a veteran in the morning-show world, Palin, who briefly was a local-TV sportscaster and currently is a contributor to Fox News Channel, displayed natural poise as part of the "Today" crew.

She participated in a party-planning segment with actress-reality star Tori Spelling and in a conversation with experts on raising teenage girls.

She joined in the "Today's Professionals" panel with Dr. Nancy Snyderman, Star Jones and Donny Deutsch. Addressing the question whether Ashton Kutcher has the acting chops to portray Apple mastermind Steve Jobs in an upcoming biopic, Palin said, "Do any of you here have experience with people being paid a lot of money to pretend like they're you?"

She was talking about the recent HBO film "Game Change," in which Julianne Moore portrayed her in the 2008 campaign.

"I didn't see the movie," the former Alaska governor hastily noted, "and I wouldn't waste my time seeing the movie."

On the topic of whether the pregnant Jessica Simpson is being unfairly criticized for her weight gain, Palin made no bones about what she would have thought about anyone targeting her with such criticism: "I would have wanted to punch `em in the neck."

Before stepping in as a guest co-host, Palin sat down with Lauer in the show's first hour in a more familiar role: talking about conservative politics.

Though she didn't sound too gung-ho about the prospect of Mitt Romney as the GOP presidential candidate, she insisted that anyone is better than Barack Obama in the White House.

AP

In this photo combo former Alaska governor and GOP vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin, left, and Katie Couric, right, are shown.

Sculptor Elizabeth Catlett dies in Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Sculptor and printmaker Elizabeth Catlett, a U.S. expatriate renowned for her dignified portrayals of African-American and Mexican women who was barred from her home country for political activism during the McCarthy era, has died. She was 96.

Catlett

Maria Antonieta Alvarez, Catlett's daughter-in-law, said the artist died Monday in a house in Cuernavaca, Mexico, where she had lived since 1976.

Born in Washington, D.C., Catlett moved to Mexico in 1946, became friends with great Mexican muralist Diego Rivera and others in his circle, and married Mexican artist Francisco Mora.

She became known for her commitment to winning greater rights for blacks, women and workers in the United States and her adopted country. Catlett witnessed almost every important artistic and social movement of the 20th century and traveled in some of the same illustrious circles as the great American artist Jacob Lawrence and poet Langston Hughes.

She was arrested during a railroad workers' protest in Mexico City in 1958 and in 1962 the U.S. State Department banned her from returning to the United States for nearly a decade because of her political affiliations.

Working in wood, stone and other natural materials, she produced simple, flowing sculptures of women, children and laborers, and prints of Mexicans and black Americans that she used to promote social justice.

Catlett, born on April 15, 1915, was raised by her mother, a teacher, because her father, who was also a teacher, had died little before she was born. She said she knew from age 6 that she wanted to be an artist.

She attended Howard University where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in art and then got her master's at the University of Iowa where she was student of Grant Wood, painter of iconic "American Gothic." Wood told his young student to make art about what she knew best.

Catlett took his advice to heart and began making images of strong and beautiful black women, making signature issues of racial identity, family dynamics and social and political struggle.

Studying ceramics at the Art Institute of Chicago, she met her first husband, painter Charles White in the early 1940s.

Samella Lewis, author of a book about Catlett, was a student of hers around the same time at Dillard University in New Orleans who was inspired by her activism.

"It was my first time meeting a real aggressive woman in my life," Lewis said.

Death and Funeral Announcement

Francisco Santos Deleon Guerrero

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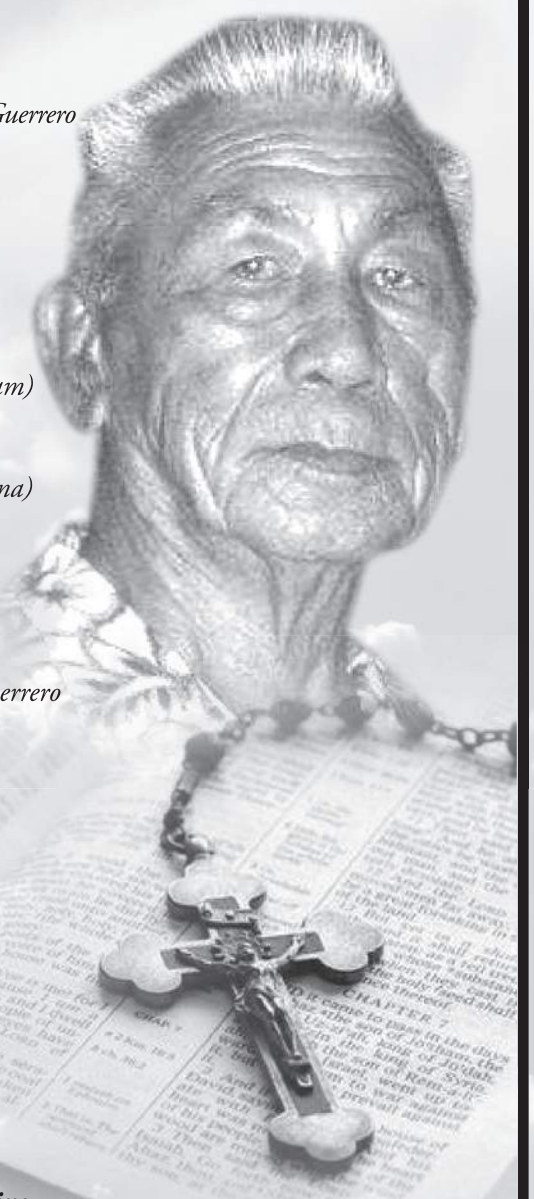

In his new life; he now joins his:
Wife: *†Elizabeth Manibusan Castro Deleon Guerrero*
Parents: *†Jesus Diaz Deleon Guerrero & †Josepha Santos Deleon Guerrero*
Parents in Law: *†Jose Villagomez Castro & †Rosa Manibusan Castro*
Son in Law: *†Dennis W. Cruz*

His remains will forever live in the hearts of his:
Children: ***Josephine*** *and Victor Mesta (Dion & Carina, Christine, Dominic)*
Antonio *and Annie Deleon Guerrero*
Barbara *and Ben Sablan (Nikkie, JR, Megan and Liam)*
Joaquina *& Ramon Chong (Christopher & Ashley (Ireana & RJ), Francisco (Christopher), Dennis, Rayna, Rakina)*
Theresa *DL Guerrero & Ricardo Cabrera (Terrika, Craig, Caitlin)*
Ramon *DL Guerrero (John Franklin)*

Brothers & Sisters:
†Vicente S. Deleon Guerrero & †Dolores T. Deleon Guerrero
Isabel DLG Campos & Jesus Campos
Angie DLG Balecha & Flor Balecha
Cathy DLG. Quinata & Jess Quinata
Ramon S. Deleon Guerrero & Ramona Villagomez

Brothers and Sisters and In Laws:
†Manuel M. Castro & †Maria J. Castro
†Nicolasa M. Castro & †Lorenzo Roberts
†Marceliano M. Castro& Dolores B. Castro
†Francisco M. Castro & Rosa O. Castro
Maria C. Porter & †Lee B. Porter
†Augustine M. Castro & Rita P. Castro
†Rosario O. Camacho

He is additionally survived by numerous uncles, aunties and cousins.

Holy Rosary is being prayed at the residence in Kagman at 7:00 pm.

Funeral Services will be held on Easter Monday, April 09, 2012. His remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel at 7:00am to Nuestra Senora de Soledad Church – Kagman, Saipan. Responso Service will be at 7:30am followed by Holy Rosary at 8:00am. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30am followed by Interment Service at Sanctuario PAX Memorial Gardens where he will be at a peaceful rest with his late wife †Elizabeth.

Please join us in prayers,

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Wrath Of The Titans
Thursday 4:20 7:20 9:35
Sam Worthington, Liam Neeson
Fantasy • Rated PG 13

Synopsis
Warner Bros. and Legendary Pictures presents this follow-up to their mythological sword-and-sandal remake with this sequel penned by Dan Mazeau and David Leslie Johnson. Jonathan Liebesman (Battle: Los Angeles) handles direction duties, with Sam Worthington and Gemma Arterton returning as Perseus and Io.

Mirror Mirror
Thursday 4:30 7:30 9:50
Julia Roberts, Lily Collins
Fantasy • Rated PG

Synopsis
One of the most beloved stories of all time is coming to life in the motion picture event for the whole family, Mirror Mirror. A fresh and funny retelling of the Snow White legend, Mirror Mirror features breakout star Lily Collins (The Blind Side) as Snow White, a princess in exile, and Oscar®-winner Julia Roberts as the evil Queen who ruthlessly rules her captured kingdom. Seven courageous rebel dwarfs join forces with Snow White as she fights to reclaim her birthright and win her Prince in this magical comedy filled with jealousy, romance, and betrayal that will capture the hearts and imaginations of audiences the world over. The film also stars Armie Hammer (The Social Network) as the Prince, and Nathan Lane (The Birdcage) as the hapless and bungling servant to the Queen.

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The Hunger Games
Thursday 4:00 7:00 10:00
Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson
Science fiction • Rated PG 13

21 Jump Street
Thursday 4:25 7:25 9:40
Jonah Hill, Channing Tatum
Comedy, Action • Rated R

The Vow
Thursday 4:15 7:15 9:55
Rachel McAdams, Channing Tatum
Drama • Rated PG 13

John Carter
Thursday 4:05 7:05 9:45
Taylor Kitsch, Lynn Collins
Fantasy, Science fiction • Rated PG 13

Dr. Seuss' The Lorax
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Dave, Craig staying put in late night through 2014

NEW YORK (AP)—Relax, all you fans of David Letterman and Craig Ferguson. They'll be staying put in late night awhile longer.

CBS announced Tuesday that both Dave and Craig have re-upped to keep hosting their respective hours—"Late Show" and "The Late Late Show"—through 2014.

During the run of this agreement, Letterman will clinch his title as the longest-running, late-night talk-show host in TV history (although on two networks), the network noted. He surpasses Johnny Carson's record of a few months less than 30 years at NBC's "Tonight Show." Letterman, who turns 65 next week, began on NBC in 1982 with "Late Night," before switching to CBS in 1993 after Jay Leno edged him out for the "Tonight Show" crown upon Carson's retirement.

No salary figures were disclosed. But as part of the new deal, "The Late Late Show" will be upgraded from its famously matchbox-size studio to a larger stage at Los Angeles' CBS Television City, the network said.

"David Letterman is a late-night legend with an iconic show and Craig Ferguson continues to evolve the genre in exciting and innovative ways," said CBS Entertainment President Nina Tassler in making the announcement.

The Scottish-born Ferguson, 49, had been a musician, actor, writer, director and comedian when he took over "The Late Late Show" in 2005. He has been guaranteed the earlier slot when Letterman decides to retire.

Originating from Manhattan's Ed Sullivan Theatre, "Late Show" has won nine Emmy Awards. In addition to an Emmy nomination, "The Late Late Show" won a Peabody Award in 2009.

The "Late Show With David Letterman" airs weeknights at 11:35 p.m. EDT. "The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson" follows at 12:37 a.m. EDT. Both series are produced by Letterman's production company, Worldwide Pants.

Amy Adams to join free summer Central Park plays

NEW YORK (AP)—Amy Adams, who played a princess in the film "Enchanted," will be returning to fairy tales this summer, starring opposite Cinderella and a witch.

The Public Theater said Tuesday that the three-time Academy Award nominated actress will play The Baker's Wife in its production of Stephen Sondheim's and James Lapine's "Into the Woods."

The musical is one of two shows the Public will present in Central Park's Delacorte Theatre to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of its free Shakespeare in the Park series.

"Into the Woods," directed by Timothy Sheader and Liam Steel, will begin previews on July 23 and continue for five weeks through Aug. 25. Adams, whose films include "The Fighter," "Doubt" and "Junebug," will star opposite Jack Broderick, Gideon Glick and Cooper Grodin.

The other show is Shakespear's "As You Like It," directed by Daniel Sullivan with Lily Rabe as Rosalind, David Furr as Orlando and Stephen Spinella as Jaques. The Public announced Tuesday that Oliver Platt and Robert Joy had also joined the cast. Steve Martin will compose original music for the play.

The Shakespeare comedy reunites Rabe and Sullivan, who combined in 2010 in the park with a thrilling production of "The Merchant of Venice" led by Al Pacino as Shylock that transferred to Broadway and earned Tony Award nominations for all three. The new play will begin previews on June 5 and continue for four weeks through June 30.

The Sondheim musical, a reimagining of beloved classic fairy tales that opened on Broadway in 1987, will be based on the Olivier Award-winning Regent's Park Open Air Theatre London production in 2010, which also was directed by Sheader and Steel.

The Delacorte Theater officially opened in Central Park on June 18, 1962, with a production of "The Merchant of Venice," directed by Joseph Papp and Gladys Vaughan and featuring George C. Scott as Shylock.

Dior exhibit set to trace 60 years of film fashion

PARIS (AP)—Christian Dior is set to take a high-heeled stroll through cinema history next month in a retrospective that traces the design house's close links with the fashions—and fickleness- of the silver screen.

The exhibit, "Stars in Dior," will feature a rare collection of some 50 Dior gowns, worn by actresses including Grace Kelly, Olivia de Havilland and Elizabeth Taylor, both on and off the screen over six decades.

"For Dior, cinema was so important—not many people know, but that's where it all started. In the beginning, he first designed costumes for ballet and film," exhibit curator Barbara Jeauffroy-Mairet said Tuesday.

The show, at the Christian Dior museum in the designer's childhood home in Normandy, will also present an entire section dedicated uniquely to German-American actress Marlene Dietrich, a fashion icon and Dior client since 1947.

Known for her androgynous style, the collection will feature insightful documentary evidence about the star, such as telegrams, bills and receipts for men's sweaters she ordered from the house.

Dietrich, a close friend of the designer, once famously refused to star in an Alfred Hitchcock film unless he created the costumes, according to Jeauffroy-Mairet. "She declared, `No Dior, No Dietrich,' and this exhibit really shows how headstrong she was."

The curator also said some of the 10 Dietrich ensembles will highlight how unique and daring she was when it came to her wardrobe.

AP

In this Monday, Jan. 23, 2012 file photo U.S. actress Cameron Diaz arrives to the Dior Spring-Summer 2012 Haute Couture fashion collection, in Paris.

Neil Patrick Harris to host his 3rd Tony Awards

NEW YORK (AP)—Neil Patrick Harris will be back for his third turn hosting the Tony Awards.

Producers of the show announced Tuesday that the star of the sitcom "How I Met Your Mother" and a stage veteran would be back at Manhattan's Beacon Theatre for the ceremony honoring Broadway's best. It will be broadcast on CBS on June 10.

Harris

Harris previously hosted the Tonys last year and in 2009—the same year he hosted the Emmy Awards. As he did in 2011, Harris will also serve as a producer.

In a statement, Harris said he was thrilled. "Not only will I be shining a spotlight on the best that Broadway has to offer, but hopefully I'll score some free house seats to a show—or five!"

The 38-year-old Harris has starred in three Broadway productions, including "Assassins," "Proof," opposite Anne Heche, and as the exuberant master of ceremonies in "Cabaret." He currently stars as dapper ladies' man Barney Stinson on CBS' sitcom hit "How I Met Your Mother."

Last year's Tony telecast was seen by 6.9 million viewers and posted a 9 percent year-to-year gain in the ratings for the 18-to-49 demographic. The boost came even though it aired opposite Game 6 of the NBA Finals, in which the Dallas Mavericks clinched the championship against the Miami Heat.

Alec Baldwin goes Twitter-ballistic for fiancee

NEW YORK (AP)—When it comes to his 28-year-old fiancee, Alec Baldwin is very protective.

He used Twitter to blast a New York newspaper for "crashing" yoga instructor Hilaria Thomas' class.

He tweeted Monday: "Shame on the no-talent trash from the Daily News for invading the privacy of 75 people in a yoga class to take a picture of someone."

Baldwin also posted the names of reporters at the class. He included a picture of one, and called her "nutty," followed by a mild curse word.

The actor celebrated his 54th birthday Tuesday. He popped the question last weekend.

The Daily News had no immediate response to comment requests Tuesday.

AP

In this Oct. 26, 2011 file photo, actor Alec Baldwin, left, and Hilaria Thomas attend the Elton John AIDS Foundation 10th Annual Enduring Vision Benefit in New York.

Trump says transgender hopeful can enter pageant

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Donald Trump says his organization is allowing a transgender woman who was born a male to compete for Canada's spot in the Miss Universe pageant—and he's wishing her good luck.

In a statement issued Tuesday, the Miss Universe Organization says 23-year-old Jenna Talackova, who underwent a sex change four years ago, can compete in the 2012 competition to become Canada's pageant contestant.

Talackova's attorney Gloria Allred held a news conference earlier in the day demanding the organization eliminate its rule requiring contestants be born as women.

Allred did not respond immediately to a call and email seeking comment on Tuesday.

The Miss Universe Organization, which is run by Trump, says it made a fair and just decision on Monday to allow Talackova's participation. The organization says it is reviewing rules to make sure similar issues don't arise again.

Like all contestants, Trump says he wishes Talackova the best of luck in her quest for the crown, like all contestants.

Burger King ad with Blige stirs criticism

NEW YORK (AP)—A Burger King commercial featuring Mary J. Blige singing about chicken has been pulled. But the fast-food chain is blaming music licensing issues for the decision—not criticism of the ad.

The spot debuted this week. In it, Blige sings soulfully about chicken snack wraps.

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But as the video went viral, some in the black community criticized the ad as stereotypical. The black women-oriented website Madame Noire likened it to "buffoonery."

Burger King said Tuesday the commercial was pulled because of a licensing concern. The company said it hopes to have the Blige "ads back on the air soon," though a spokeswoman would not comment on whether they ads would be the same.

The spokeswoman also noted that other celebrities, including Salma Hayek and Jay Leno, also are advertising the snack wraps.

A rep for Blige did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Ashley Judd to be Democratic convention delegate

AP

In this March 13, 2012 file photo, actress Ashley Judd poses for a portrait in New York.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Democratic leaders in Tennessee are sending actress Ashley Judd as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in September.

The Tennessean newspaper in Nashville reports that Judd is one of three delegates selected by party officials in Williamson County to serve in at-large positions at the convention. Judd has been outspoken on a variety of humanitarian and social justice issues and has supported local Democratic candidates in the past.

Judd will join delegates from all 50 states at the convention to discuss the party's platform and formally nominate President Barack Obama as the party's candidate.

The convention will be held in Charlotte, N.C., during the first week of September.

Olbermann says Current TV wasn't the home for him

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Keith Olbermann is explaining his split with Current TV in decorating terms.

In an interview Tuesday with David Letterman in New York, Olbermann compared himself to an expensive chandelier that ended up without a home. Olbermann said he blames himself for joining Current TV, which he suggested was incapable of supporting his show.

As Olbermann put it in a transcript released by CBS: "If you buy a $10 million chandelier, you should have a house to put it in."

He reportedly had a five-year, $50-million contract with Current. On Friday, the channel announced it was immediately replacing Olbermann's "Countdown" with a new program hosted by former New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer.

The interview with Olbermann is to air Tuesday on CBS' "Late Show with David Letterman."

AP

In this May 3, 2012 file photo, Keith Olbermann poses at the Ronald Reagan Library in Simi Valley, Calif.

Six years of sobriety end in shock and uncertainty

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: "Robert" and I met four years ago and fell head-over-heels in love. At the time, he was two years clean and sober and attending meetings. Due to his hectic work schedule, he stopped attending the meetings.

Robert is intelligent, a hard worker, handsome and my best friend. He prided himself on his sobriety, so imagine my shock when I found an empty liquor bottle buried in the trash and three more under the bed. I never thought I'd see the day when he would relapse, but he has. I am devastated. I didn't know what to say to him or how to react, because I have never been down this road.

I told Robert I knew he was drinking again. I could barely hold back my tears because I knew what a huge personal setback this is for him. He said he didn't want to discuss it, so I didn't push.

What am I supposed to do when the man I love has relapsed? My heart aches for him. I'm trying to be supportive, but I am clueless. Please help.

HELPLESS

DEAR HELPLESS: The first thing to do is recognize that this is Robert's problem, and only he can fix it. If you plan to stay involved with him, understand that it is not unusual for someone with a substance abuse problem to fall off the wagon from time to time.

The next thing you should do, and this is important, is find your nearest chapter of Al-Anon. It's an organization that was started by the wife of an alcoholic, and its sole purpose is to help the family and friends of alcoholics. The toll-free phone number is 888-425-2666, and it has been mentioned in this column many times.

There will be meetings for you to attend so you can learn to avoid falling into the trap of trying to "save" or enable Robert, because in order for him to get better he must experience the consequences of going back to drinking. This is not easy to do with someone you care about, and you will need all of the support you can get.

By the way, your letter arrived in the same batch as the one below. It may give you some insight:

■ ■ ■

DEAR ABBY: A few years ago I talked to my mother about her drinking. She's a binge drinker and her excuse is always, "It's my day off." I am focusing on myself and trying to figure out my life, as well, with the help of Al-Anon—the only thing that has kept me positive.

I knew that once I uttered the word "alcoholic" aloud, my relationship with my mother would forever be affected. I asked her to contact me when she was ready to quit because I can no longer enable her drinking.

I miss the mom who doesn't drink, but I can't be around her when she does. As I grow in my recovery, I may figure out how to do that. But for now, I need to put space between us.

My family is worried something drastic will happen (as her health isn't good) and I will have regrets. But I have expressed my thoughts and accepted that Mom and I may never speak again. Is that wrong?

STILL A LOVING DAUGHTER IN WISCONSIN

DEAR STILL A LOVING DAUGHTER: No, it's not wrong. Your mother's binge drinking was affecting her health as well as her relationship with you, and while it may have been difficult and wrenching, it was the right thing to do—for both of you. Let's hope that your strength in doing that will give her the strength to stop her alcohol binges.

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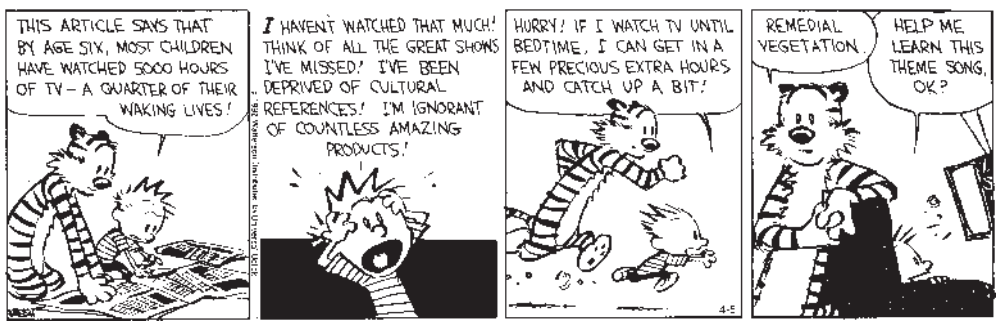
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


THIS ARTICLE SAYS THAT BY AGE SIX, MOST CHILDREN HAVE WATCHED 5000 HOURS OF TV – A QUARTER OF THEIR WAKING LIVES!
I HAVEN'T WATCHED THAT MUCH! THINK OF ALL THE GREAT SHOWS I'VE MISSED! I'VE BEEN DEPRIVED OF CULTURAL REFERENCES! I'M IGNORANT OF COUNTLESS AMAZING PRODUCTS!
HURRY! IF I WATCH TV UNTIL BEDTIME, I CAN GET IN A FEW PRECIOUS EXTRA HOURS AND CATCH UP A BIT!
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HELP ME LEARN THIS THEME SONG, OK?

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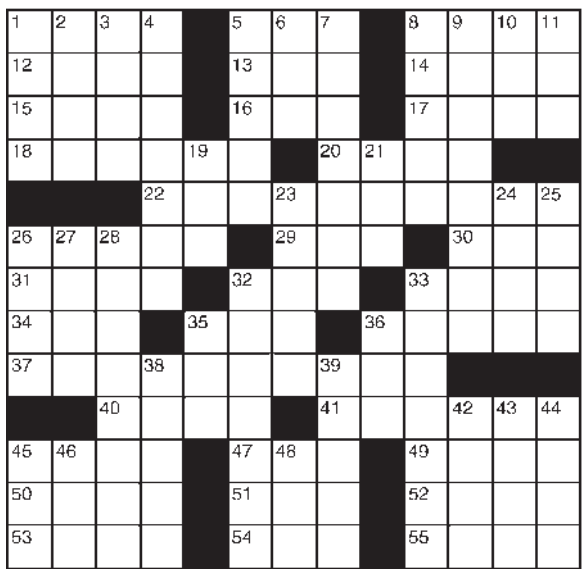
Yesterday's answer 4-5



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Happy Birthday: Take care of emotional matters that are standing in the way of your progress. Face facts and make decisions based on your needs, not what someone else wants. Look at the current economic trends and you'll realize what you must do to avoid financial loss. Be true to yourself and honest with the people affected by your decisions. Your numbers are 4, 10, 18, 23, 28, 33, 40.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Set up interviews or talk with someone who can help you cut through red tape. Knowing what you are up against will make it easy to adjust your position so you can move in a suitable direction. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Learning on the job or signing up for a course that will enable you to earn more money or meet potential employers should be your goal. Don't be shy. It's OK to let people know what you have to offer. ✪✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Protect your health, assets and emotional well-being. It will be easy to get caught in a trap if you have withheld information or made a promise you cannot keep. Fix past mistakes before moving forward. ✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Don't let change throw you off your game. Accept whatever comes down the pipeline and be imaginative in the way you handle matters. Your insight and originality will win you a spot in the forefront. Make your actions count. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Your heart is in the right place, and what you do and say will aid you in getting what you need to accomplish your goals. Love is in the stars, and short trips or fraternizing with someone you enjoy being with will bring excellent results. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Pay attention to detail in whatever you do and you will be appreciated for your originality. Don't let anyone upset your world by coercing you into an argument based on fictitious rumors. Stick to the truth and back away from fair-weather friends. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Put your heart on the line. Keeping secrets or hiding facts will lead to sorrow. Clear the air and the changes that occur will be to your advantage. Let go of someone or something that isn't good for you. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Unpredictability surrounds you. Ask questions and flush out any potential threats. Don't put up with uncertainty. Make whatever decision is necessary to stabilize your life personally and professionally. It's up to you to make the first move. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Emotional matters will be difficult to control. Evading issues will only make your life more difficult. You are best to face whatever dilemma comes your way head-on before it spins out of control. Honesty will be the best policy. ✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Hold your ground and keep things as stable as possible. Avoid anyone who conveys uncertainty. Gravitate toward people who have something to offer in return, not those trying to ride on your merits. Charity begins at home. ✪✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Fix up your digs and be readily available to the people who have helped you in the past. Making an effort to repay old debts will also reunite you with someone who can help you stay on the right path. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Don't allow emotional issues to take over, causing you to miss out on an opportunity that could stabilize your life financially and emotionally. A change of scenery or spending time with creative individuals will improve your attitude. ✪✪✪

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 4/05

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 4/05

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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vs.	)	SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION
FENG GAOLONG Respondent.	)	

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Baylor caps perfect season with title win

The Baylor team explodes off the bench at the end of the second half in the NCAA Women's Final Four college basketball championship game against Notre Dame, in Denver, Tuesday, April 3, 2012. Baylor won the championship, 80-61

DENVER (AP)— Brittney Griner and Baylor left no doubt they're head and shoulders above any team in the country. In fact, they're perfect.

Griner had 26 points, 13 rebounds and five blocks to lead Baylor to a dominating 80-61 victory over Notre Dame in the NCAA women's basketball championship on Tuesday night, capping a 40-0 season for the Lady Bears.

"Looking back when we get older, I'm always going to remember this moment, always going to remember confetti falling and being here with my team," Griner said as she and her teammates hugged and celebrated.

They became the seventh women's team to run through a season unbeaten and the first in NCAA history to win 40 games. It was the second national championship for Baylor, which also won a title in 2005.

Baylor did it in a nearly wire-to-wire victory, finishing with a flourish in a season when anything less than bringing a title back to Waco would have been a huge disappointment.

The 6-foot-8 Griner was right at the center when the Lady Bears took control. Every time Notre Dame made a run in the second half to cut into the deficit, Griner had an answer. She showed a wide array of post moves hitting turnaround jumpers and hooks that the Irish had no way to stop - even when they collapsed around her.

"Brittney Griner comes to work every day," Baylor coach Kim Mulkey said. "A lot of great players think they're all that and they half go through drills and they come to practice and they dog it. That child comes to work and brings her work pail every day."

Notre Dame fell short in the title game for the second straight season. The Irish lost to Texas A&M by six points last year.

Coach Muffet McGraw's senior-heavy crew did finish the season with a decided edge over rival Connecticut - the Irish won the Big East regular season title and defeated the Huskies in three-of-four meetings, including the national semifinal.

But like every other team this year, Notre Dame couldn't solve Baylor and the most dominant player in women's basketball.

"She made great shots, she's a great player," McGraw said. "She was unstoppable."

Griner, selected The Associated Press player of the year, also was named most outstanding player of the tournament.

"We wouldn't be here without my team," the junior said. "All the awards - none of that means anything. If I don't have my team here, we can't get this."

All-American point guard Skylar Diggins did all she could to keep the Irish (36-4) in the game, scoring 20 points. But senior Natalie Novosel had just five points, going 0-for-11 from the field. Devereaux Peters, also playing in her final game, was saddled with foul trouble because of Griner. She scored seven points.

Diggins "played a great game," McGraw said. "She's just a big-time player and she didn't get a lot of help today."

Like Griner, Diggins has pledged to return for her senior year - both could join the WNBA - and will try to make a third run at the title.

Notre Dame had an early 9-8 lead before Baylor took over with a 12-2 run. The Irish were down by 14 in the first half before cutting their deficit to 34-28 at the break. They got as close as 42-39 and had the ball, but Griner asserted herself, scoring nine of the next 19 points for Baylor to seal the victory.

"They went on a run there," Diggins said. "I just remember we cut it down to three and went on a run. I saw 10, 12, 14, 16, 19. We couldn't get rebounds when they missed shots."

Odyssey Sims added 19 points and Destiny Williams had 12 for the Lady Bears, who outrebounded Notre Dame 46-27 and now have the third unbeaten season in women's basketball in the last four years. UConn, which has gone undefeated four times, did it in back-to-back years in 2009 and 2010. Texas and Tennessee also have unbeaten seasons.

Baylor's victory also gave President Barack Obama some bragging rights. He correctly picked Baylor to beat Notre Dame in the title game.

With 1:04 left and the game well in hand, Mulkey took out Griner and the two shared a long hug. Mulkey was able to crack a bright smile despite battling Bell's palsy.

Mulkey has now won a title as a player (at Louisiana Tech), an Olympic gold medal (in 1984) and two titles as a coach. Only five women's coaches have more than one championship at the top level of NCAA competition.

Mulkey has downplayed the 40 wins, noting that her former coach and mentor at Louisiana Tech Leon Barmore won 40 games in 1980. That was before women's basketball was governed by the NCAA, which didn't begin keeping records until the 1982 season.

It was the second meeting between the teams this season. Baylor also won the first one, by 13 in Waco on Nov. 17. That win gave the Lady Bears the preseason WNIT title.

As usual, Griner put on a show in warmups, thrilling the crowd with a series of impressive dunks - including a one-handed throw down, a double-pump slam and another in which she hung on rim. She has already dunked twice in the tournament, matching Candace Parker for most dunks by a woman in NCAA tournament play and during a college career (seven).

Mickelson sees 'birdie-fest' ahead at Augusta National

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)— Get ready for a "birdie-fest" at Augusta National.

Three-time Masters winner Phil Mickelson said the course he's loved and respected for decades is not yet its fearsome, soul-destroying self - and that has him worried.

"It seems that some of the planning I have made may go by the wayside," Mickelson said Tuesday. "As soft as the golf course is, you can fire at a lot of the pins."

That means a host of fearless, 20-somethings will whack away in the fairways with little concern for impediments like Rae's Creek or the tricky, closely mown slopes protecting the greens.

"Unless something changes," Mickelson predicted, "it's going to be a `birdie-fest.'"

Mickelson is making his 20th appearance at the Masters, many of those spent learning each bump and bunker through pain-staking trial and error. It took several changes in his game and attitude before he finally broke through with his 2004 victory here.

Mickelson said one of the most drastic changes was how he approached the pivotal, par-5 15th hole, which has made as many Masters champions as it has ruined through the years.

Count Mickelson one of those waylaid by the daunting hole with the pond in front. Mickelson had played it for years as a "must birdie" hole, fearing anything else would drop him behind the field. That led to what Mickelson called some disastrous scores and the realization that something had to change.

"I think when you get hit in the head enough times, you look back and say, `You know, maybe I should step back,'" Mickelson said.

These days, par is perfectly acceptable for Mickelson on the 15th.

"That's kind of what happened to me after just getting hammered by that hole so many times in the `90s that when I finally won in 2004, I just accepted the fact that it's hard hole," he said. "If I make four, great, but five is not bad."

Mickelson's Masters win in 2004 changed his attitude here forever. Gone were the questions about when he'd win a major, replaced by an unfettered excitement whenever the tournament nears.

"There was this burden of having never won a major. There was this burden of wanting to win the Masters so bad and being a part of the history of the tournament," he explained. "When I won in 2004, it was no longer pressure. It was excitement."

Victorious Kentucky returns home to adoring fans

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP)—Another championship banner has been unfurled at Rupp Arena.

Kentucky's basketball team returned home to its adoring fans Tuesday, after defeating Kansas 67-59 Monday night to win the school's eighth NCAA championship.

Blue-clad fans erupted into deafening cheers as the team pulled into the packed arena aboard a sleek blue bus emblazoned with "national champions."

It was a joyous curtain call for a team led by a talented group of freshmen and sophomores. The NBA likely beckons next for several of them.

Each team member was introduced to loud ovations as players and coaches took the stage in the middle of the arena. Senior Darius Miller, a basketball net draped around his neck, toted the NCAA championship trophy to a table. Coach John Calipari pumped his fist and raised his arms in triumph as he basked in the cheers.

"You know why we won the national title? Folks, we have the best players and we have the best team," he said as the crowd erupted.

Calipari reminded the crowd that his goal three seasons ago when he took the Kentucky coaching job was to restore the Wildcats to the "gold standard" in college basketball and to raise more championship banners.

Then on cue, the 2012 title banner slowly unfurled from the rafters at Rupp as the Kentucky pep band played and fans cheered.

Calipari thanked the fans and said there were about 5,000 that welcomed the team at the airport and more lined the streets between the airport and Rupp Arena.

"You people never cease to amaze me," he told the crowd.

Calipari praised the chemistry of a team stocked with future NBA players.

"Just talent alone, folks, does not get it done," he said. "It doesn't. These young men sacrificed for each other. They respected one another."

He noted that Miller, a starter in the past, accepted his role as a key backup player in his senior season.

Freshman standout Michael Kidd-Gilchrist asked to give up his starting role to Miller in the Southeastern Conference tournament championship game to help jump-start Miller's play, Calipari said. Shot-blocking phenom Anthony Davis credited his teammates for helping him rack up player of the year awards, the coach said.

Just like at basketball games, the die-hard fans arrived early at Rupp. They watched replays of the title game played in New Orleans the night before, and sometimes broke into chants of "Go Big Blue" as if they were at a game. Scoreboards displayed the final score of the championship game.

The team got an endorsement from Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear as one of the all-time greats.

"There is more talent on this team than I've ever seen on one team in my life," Beshear told reporters before the half-hour rally. "And you would think with that would come huge egos that would be hard to coral. But coach Cal and these kids pulled it together and they played unselfishly like a team the whole year. That's why they won this championship."

NFL unveils new uniforms for all 32 teams

NEW YORK (AP) -- For fans worried that Nike was going to give their favorite NFL team's uniform an extreme makeover, full-blown Oregon style, no need to fret.

Ben Roethlisberger still looked very much like a member of the Pittsburgh Steelers. Nobody would have mistaken Jermichael Finley for anything but a Green Bay Packer. And the Browns' jersey wore by Joe Haden was still brown.

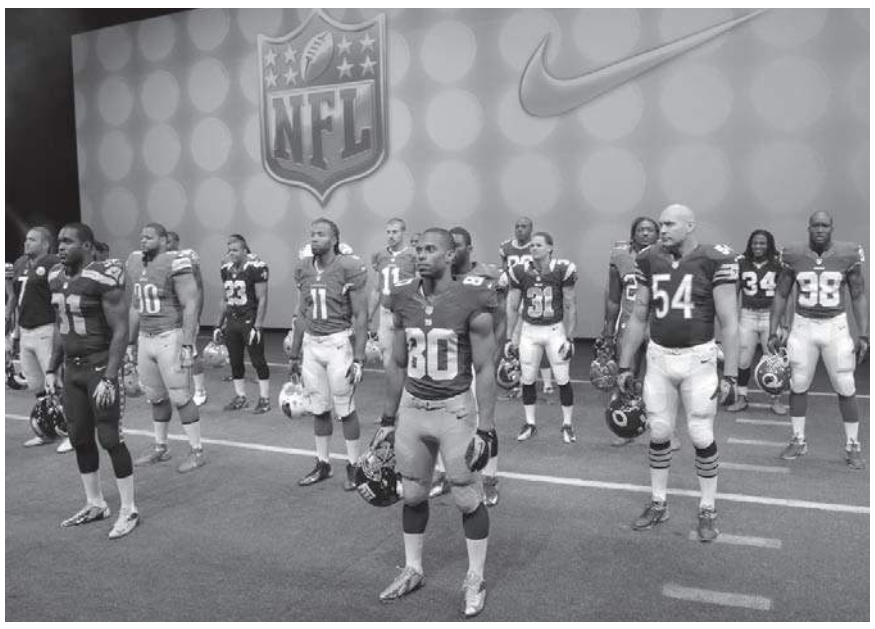
Going for a slightly sleeker but very familiar look, the NFL unveiled its new uniforms Tuesday. Nike, the league's latest apparel maker, stayed away from the wildly experimental designs it uses with the University of Oregon, get-ups that sometimes make it hard to identify the Ducks.

"You look good, you play good," said Finley, Green Bay's star tight end. "Hopefully that kicks into effect this season."

Nike put on a gridiron-themed fashion show at a Brooklyn film studio, with a player from each of the 32 franchises modeling his team's new threads.

No, Big Ben, Ndamukong Suh and Brian Urlacher didn't walk the runway.

Instead, after a handful of Nike big wigs worked their way through half-hour presentation that could have been dubbed "The Making of the Uniforms," the players walked out onto an artificial turf-covered mini-field, suited up from shoes to shoulder pads and lined up in four rows. After the house lights went up, their helmets went on.



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NFL players stand in their new uniforms during a presentation in New York, Tuesday, April 3, 2012.

There were no surprises.

Commissioner Roger Goodell said the goal of the redesign was to combine "tradition with innovation."

"Some teams will lean more toward the traditions," Goodell said. "But you can see here you can put innovation into the uniform without changing the look, necessarily, about it."

In college football, flashy uniforms, with non-traditional colors and patterns are all the rage these days. Oregon, the alma mater of Nike founder Phil Knight, has made the cutting-edge - some would say over-the-edge - look its calling card. Nike outfits dozens of major college football teams and while few have gone all-in the way Oregon does, many are at least dabbling in funky gear.

Those gloves that create a school's logo when a player hold his hands together, palms out, and which have popped up on campuses from Alabama to Notre Dame, will now be on display at every NFL game. And, of course, available in stores - along with all kinds of new team gear from jackets to hoodies to T-shirts.

But only the Seattle Seahawks, who took the unveiling of the uniform as an opportunity to start a rebranding campaign for the franchise, made significant alterations to their uniforms, adding some neon green trim down the sides of the pants and numbers.

"I like the fact that there are teams that are pretty much staying more in line with where they've been and there's other teams that are starting to push a little bit more," said Nike CEO and President Mark Parker. "We see that happen at the college level perhaps even more aggressively, but I think you'll see the NFL evolving and Nike being an exciting partner in actually helping make that happen."

The Seattle uniforms, modeled by defensive back Kam Chancellor, were definitely a winner among the other players.

"Seattle has the hottest uniform right now," Saints running back Pierre Thomas said. "So I'm a little jealous. But I still love my all black. I think it looks nice."

Aside from a sharp look, Todd Van Horne, Nike's creative director for football and baseball, said the players wanted the uniforms to be as light as possible.

"They don't want anything weighing them down. They want to be faster," he said.

The second-most important quality was fit. "They want it to stretch and move with them," he said.

The verdict?

"It clings to your body so nobody can hold you," Finley said. "It's a real nice advantage. Because you get a lot of grabbing on the field."

LeBron scores 41 as Heat secure playoff seat

MIAMI (AP)—LeBron James scored a season-high 41 points, Mario Chalmers added 19 and the Miami Heat clinched a playoff spot with a 99-93 win over the Philadelphia 76ers on Tuesday night.

James scored 14 straight Miami points in the fourth quarter, helping the Heat finish off a four-game season sweep of Philadelphia and extend their home-court winning streak to 16 games. Chris Bosh scored 17 points and Udonis Haslem grabbed 11 rebounds for Miami, which won despite Dwyane Wade sitting out with a bruised left knee.

Evan Turner scored 26 points for Philadelphia, which fell 1 1/2 games behind Boston in the Atlantic Division. Lou Williams scored 18, Spencer Hawes added 12 and Andre Iguodala had 11 before leaving in the third quarter with a left eye contusion.

Miami improved to 9-1 when Wade doesn't play this season. He bruised his left knee in Sunday's loss at Boston, though the Heat are hopeful he will be ready for Wednesday's showdown with Oklahoma City.

Lakers 91, Nets 87

In Los Angeles, Kobe Bryant scored 24 points and rattled home a 3-pointer with 6.8 seconds left, and the Los Angeles Lakers blew every bit of a 17-point lead before holding on for a 91-87 victory over the New Jersey Nets on Tuesday night.

Pau Gasol had 22 points and 12 rebounds, and Ramon Sessions had 19 points and 11 assists as the Lakers put an ugly finish on their 11th victory in 15 games despite never trailing in their eighth consecutive win over the Nets.

Los Angeles led by 12 early in the fourth quarter, but Deron Williams led an 18-6 run for New Jersey, tying it on a 3-pointer with 1:29 left

Pacers 112, Knicks 104

In Indianapolis, Danny Granger scored 14 of his 27 points in the fourth quarter, and Indiana rallied from 17 points down in the second half to beat New York.

The Pacers outscored the Knicks 40-17 in the final 12 minutes.

Paul George scored 12 of his 18 points in the fourth quarter. Indiana reserves Leandro Barbosa and Dahntay Jones added 12 points each for the Pacers.

Carmelo Anthony scored a season-high 39 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for the Knicks.

Grizzlies 98, Warriors 94

In Memphis, O.J. Mayo scored 19 points, Mike Conley added 18 and Memphis overcame a lackluster performance with a fourth-quarter rally to defeat Golden State.

Golden State led by 12 early in the fourth quarter, but Memphis went on a 13-0 run to erase the advantage and fight to their third straight win.

Dante Cunningham scored 13 points, hitting all six of his shots for Memphis.

Pistons 102, Magic 95

In Michigan, Greg Monroe had 22 points and 11 rebounds, and Detroit beat Orlando.

The Magic were without starters Dwight Howard, Jameer Nelson and Ryan Anderson because of injuries.

Ben Gordon added 18 points for the Pistons. Jason Maxiell and Tayshaun Prince had 15 each, and Jonas Jerebko contributed 13.

Glen Davis, who started at center in Howard's place, led Orlando with a career-high 31.

Spurs 125, Cavaliers 90

In Cleveland, Danny Green scored 19 points against a Cleveland team that released him last season, Tony Parker added 19 and San Antonio coasted to its eighth straight win.

Green played his rookie season for Cleveland, which cut him at the end of training camp in 2011. He's found a new home with the Spurs, who built a 22-point lead in the first half and rested Parker, Tim Duncan and Manu Ginobili for most of the fourth quarter while pushing their lead to 37.

Raptors 92, Bobcats 87

In Toronto, Andrea Bargnani scored 30 points, DeMar DeRozan had 20 and Toronto beat Charlotte.

Linas Kleiza scored 18 points and Jose Calderon added 11 assists and Toronto won back-to-back games for the first time since road victories at Phoenix on Jan. 24 and Utah on Jan. 25. The Raptors had gone 0-10 in games following victories since those wins.

Toronto, which beat Washington 99-92 on Sunday night, posted consecutive home wins for the first time since Dec. 1 and 3, 2010.

Stern still hopes for change to draft age rule

NEW YORK (AP) -- David Stern would love a system in which Anthony Davis and the rest of Kentucky's freshmen stars were required to try to repeat.

Instead, the NBA commissioner could end up calling Davis' name in June as the first pick in the draft.

The league wasn't able to change its draft eligibility rules during collective bargaining last year. The rules require an American player to be 19 years old and a year out of high school.

"We would love to add a year, but that's not something that the players' association has been willing to agree to," Stern said Tuesday.

The union would only agree to form a committee to discuss changes, and Stern knows the players are unlikely to consent to an increase without some concession from owners.

"They would probably say `What would you give us?'" he said.

Stern spoke at a Sprint store to announce the opening of the NBA's "Green Week." The wireless company is the presenting partner of the week, during which time the league tries to generate awareness and funding to protect the environment. Players will wear shooting shirts made of 100 percent organic cotton, along with green headbands and wrist bands during games through April 11.

Stern watched some of Kentucky's 67-59 victory over Kansas in the NCAA championship game Monday, when the Wildcats' group of future NBA players raced to an 18-point lead in the first half.

"I think it was over a little early," Stern said.

So will most of the Wildcats' college careers.

Davis, the player of the year and Final Four's most outstanding player, would likely be the No. 1 pick if he comes out, and fellow freshman Michael Kidd-Gilchrist could be right behind him. Players must declare this month if they are making themselves eligible for the draft.

The age limit was instituted in 2005, and Stern has often spoken since of his desire to increase it. But any realistic hope of pushing too hard during the lockout was scrapped when the league focused instead on the financial changes it sought.

If Davis is the top pick, he would be the fifth freshman in six years to go No. 1, following Greg Oden, Derrick Rose, John Wall and Kyrie Irving. Stern said the league's draft requirement is often misreported as forcing players to spend a year in college.

"That's not our rule," he said. "Our rule is that they won't be eligible for the draft until they're 19. They can play in Europe, they can play in the D-League, they can go to college. This is a not a social program, this is a business rule for us. The NFL has a rule which requires three years of college. So the focus is often on ours, but it's really not what we require in college.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff, vs. **FRANCISCO Q. GUERRERO and BARBARA P. GUERRERO,** Defendants. | **Civil Action No. 10-0173-CV** | **NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order Granting Writ of Execution issued by the Court in this matter on November 30, 2011, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in the following property: Lot 008 H 19, containing an area of 226 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 008 H 00, the original of which was recorded on March 1, 1971, as Document No. 699 at Land Registry, Saipan. **This location is identified as the former Tapo Shopping building along Beach Road across from the former Pacific Gardenia Building including the commercial building.** The lot is located in Chalan Kanoa, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on June 7, 2012, at the hour of 10:00 am, at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public and will be held in reserve.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

1. Rights and duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
   a) Withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
   b) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
   c) To reject any and all bids.
2. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, PO Box 5003758 CK, Saipan, MP 9695, Phone: 670-234-7859; Fax: 670-234-5749.
3. Deposit; Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the property will revert to the Bank of Guam.
4. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and the Bank of Guam reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct an enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
5. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 28th day of March, 2012.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

SSC hosts invitational meet, ocean swim

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Saipan Swim Club will have its hands full next week, as it hosts races for three days.

The first two days, April 13 and 14, will be for the 2012 International Invitational Meet at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool with various swim clubs from Guam coming over to Saipan to compete in the annual event.

Next Friday's competition will be held in the afternoon, while Saturday's events are divided into two sessions. Events scheduled for Friday afternoon are the 1,500m freestyle and 200m backstroke for the 11-and-above age group, 200m freestyle for U10, and the 50m backstroke, 100m breaststroke, 100m butterfly, and 200m medley relay for all ages. For the Saturday races, events set for the morning session include the 200m and 800m freestyle and 400m individual medley for the 11-and-above age group and the 50m butterfly, 100m freestyle, and 100m backstroke for all age groups. For the afternoon session, swimmers will compete in the 50m freestyle, 50m breaststroke, 200m IM, and 200m freestyle relay (for all ages), 200m breaststroke and 200m butterfly (the 11-and-above age group), and 400m freestyle (9-and-above).

Swimmers joining the two-day competition will earn points based on how they will finish in each event and at the end of the contest, the Top 3 in each age group will receive trophies. Last year's invitational meet drew 60 swimmers from the host, Tsunami Saipan, and Guam's Manukai Athletic Club and Tarakito Swim Club.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Saipan Swim Club swimmers pose for a photo with visiting XTERRA pros last week at the Pacific Islands Club.

From the Marpi pool, swimmers will head to the waters near World Resort in Susupe where the famous partially submerged World War II tanks are located for the 34th Annual SSC Ocean Swim.

The ocean swim set for April 15 will have four races: 600m, 1 kilometer, 1.3km, and 2.5km. Swimmers are also allowed to use fins, buoys, paddles, or snorkels. Races start at 8am, while registration begins at 7am. Registration fee paid on or before April 9 is only $15 and $20 after the early bird registration date. Medals will be awarded to the Top 3 finishes in each races.

To register or for more information, contact SSC's Suzy Kindel at suzykindel@yahoo.com

RGA April qualifier Saturday at Laolao

The Refaluwasch Golf Association will be holding its April Ace qualifying tournament this Saturday on the west course of the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

Check-in time is at 11am, while tee off is at 12pm.

Club members wishing to win one of the nine remaining monthly Ace plums are reminded to join the qualifier and another event later this month, as new rules on the selection of Ace winner are already in effect. Since last month, RGA has started combining the scores of its members from two tournaments in one month to pick the monthly Ace winners. Before, any member who posts a better net score than the one set during the qualifier wins the Ace.

Last month, Jordon Kosam recorded the lowest combined net score of 138 to secure the March Ace. He tallied a 66 in the qualifier and a 72 in the second tournament to take last month's plum and earn a slot to the RGA Club Championship set later this year.

For more information about RGA, contact Joe Saures at 483-5508, Jess Wabol at 288-1119, and treasurer/handicap director Sonny Flores at 234-1748. ***(PR)***

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doubles so far with four, while Deleon Guerrero and Maratita have three apiece, and eight others have a pair each.

The Fielders' Anthony Agulto and Jonathan Camacho, Jets' Franco Nakamura and Takao all have a homer under their belts, while Tenorio, Secharmedal and Nakamura lead the league in triples with three apiece; five others are tied with two.

Brel has scored a league-best 17 times with Muna (14), Secharmedal (11), Deleon Guerrero (10), Red Sox's Jhace Palacios (9), Nakamura (9) and Cedric Camacho (8) trying to make up ground. Four others are tied with seven.

Nakamura tops Big League batting

Docomo Pacific Ol'Aces' Harry Nakamura holds the batting lead in the Senior League.

Nakamura was 11-for-20 as of Saturday for an average of .550.

Nakamura, who is the only big league player with at least 13 at bats swinging over .500, is edging IT&E Fielders' Patrick Tenorio (11-20/0.500BA) with Sen. Ralph Deleon Guerrero Torres-Rep. Basa-F.P. Deleon Guerrero Kagman Lions' Richard Dela Cruz (7-15/0.476), Ol' Aces' Keoni Lizama (10-22/0.455), Lions' Leroy Regis (7-16/0.438), Aces' Rocco Reyes (9-21/0.429), Hustlers' Manny Flores (8-19/0.421), Ol'Aces' Lamarc Iguel (0-22/0.409) and Diego Camacho (10-25/0.400), and Fielders' Jonah Villagomez (6-15/0.400) rounding out the Top 10. The batting leaders were based on at least 13 at bats. Three other batters are swinging above .300.

Nakamura's four doubles top the class and he also leads in RBIs with 10, ahead of teammates Jacob Flores (9), Lizama (8) and Reyes (7). The OL' Aces' speedster Leonard Sablan's two homers front the league ahead of seven others.

Lieto, Kaipat ahead in Senior League

In the Senior League, IT&E Fielders' Francisco Lieto leads the division at the plate with 10 hits in 17 at bats for an average of .588, while teammate Keoni Kaipat (2-0) has maintained a 2.88 ERA from the hump.

Lieto is in front of Marianas Cable Vision-Sen. Ramon S. Basa-Rep. Frederick P. Deleon Guerrero Kagman Lions' Paul Celis (.556), Docomo Pacific Ol'Aces' AJ Lizama (.542), Natibu Sports Association Tanapag Falcons' Raymond Saralu (.533), Rep. Antonio Sablan-Eliceo D. Cabrera Hunters' Steven Cabrera (.500), Aces' Frankie Camacho (.500), Juan Santiago Jets II's Jonathan Villagomez (.500), Lions' Justin Santos (.476), and Fielders' Gayvin Uchau (.471) and Khobby Kaipat. (.471). The statistics were based on at least 12 at bats.

The Ol'Aces' Jun Rabauliman has cranked out 11 RBIs and leads Fielders' James Aldan (9), Lieto (8), Aces' TJ Sablan (8), and seven others.

The Jets II's Shane Deleon Guerrero leads the league in homers with three, but Fielders' Ian Rogolfoi (2) is hot in pursuit. Lizama leads in triples with four ahead of a trio with three apiece.

Saralu's three doubles top 10 others, while the Ol'Aces' Lancaster Secharmedal has crossed the plate a league-best 13 times. Saipan Shipping Company Jets I's Mathew Maeda and Hunters' Jerome Reyes trail Secharmedal by a run with Lieto (11) and Aces' Jonah Flores (11) close behind.

In pitching, Kaipat has allowed seven earned runs and nine hits in 17 innings (four games) and leads the league in strikeouts with 24 ahead of Lizama (19) and Lions' Dave Matagolai (17). Kaipat leads Cabrera (9ER/15.1IP/14H/2-0/4.11ERA/4G), the Jets I's Allan Cabrera (12ER/15.2IP/16H/0-2/5.36ERA/5G), and Hunters' Alex Monkeya (11ER/14IP/14H/0-2/5.50ERA/3G). The statistics were based on at least 14 innings pitched.

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drew the most participants in the weekend's race, as 12 others competed against the Top 3 finishers. Michail Jesus Villagomez was among them and placed fourth with a time of 17:13, followed by Alexander Bateman (17:24), Blake Mister (17:48), Kaito Nishimura 918:18), Jack Linden (18:29), Leo Takahashi (19:03), Jinnosuke Suzuki (20:11), Miles Linden (20:45), Dylan Mister (21:16), Louis Henley (21:16), and Khush Daryanani (22:05).

In the girls 6 to 8, Conatsu Kaga edged younger sister Coume after the former completed the race in 17:05 against the 18:04 of the latter. Soleil Lamar timed in at 18:24 to join the Kaga sisters in the Top 3. Also finishing the event were Yuna Nakagawa (19:16), Aika Watanabe (21:39), and Maya Sato (21:43).

The Taga Kids course began with a 100m swim race in the waters off Micro Beach for the 6 to 8 age group and 200m for the 9 to 12. Then in the bike course, the younger age group participants went to as far as the flag circle at the AMP compound and back to the transition area for the run leg, which was up to the bell tower and back to Micro Beach. In the 9 to 12 division, bikers headed to as far as the Army Reserve before heading back to Micro Beach for the run leg, which was around the paved walkway at the park.

Medals were awarded to the Top 3 finishers, while all participants received gifts from Marianas Visitors Authority.

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on to the driver's seat midway in the second half before Tyler Willsey made the equalizer at the 74:30 mark. Then about five minutes later, Steve McKagan scored his first goal to break the deadlock and Paire remained steady in the closing minutes to steal the win.

Paire notched its second win in three games, while KFAS remained winless with two draws and two losses.

Tan Holdings 4, Matansa 0

In the lone Division B game last Sunday, Tan Holdings shut out Matansa.

Amzad Hossain Khan got things going for Tan Holdings when he nailed the first goal in the game in the 34th minute. Khan attacked from the right sideline and then kicked the ball, which soared up and Matansa Zaw Moe leaped to catch the leather, but failed.

Tan Holding's three other goals were all posted in the second half with Jason Chung scoring in the 53rd minute and Jun Jie Cui hitting back-to-back goals (72nd and 88th).

The game against Matansa was Tan Holding's second in a week, as it also played MP United last Wednesday and forced a 1-1 draw.

Cui scored Tan Holding's lone goal (16th minute) against MP United, which got a penalty kick from Kiyoshi Sekiguchi in the 30th minute.

Tan Holdings now has a 3-1-0 slate in the four-team field, while MP United holds a 1-2-0 card. Matansa has a 1-1-2 record, while Shirley's FC owns a 0-0-3 mark.

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Elite's Vince "Vincesanity" Pua (4-0) at the 150-lb class.

Also on the list are Trench Tech veteran Fasi "Quick Draw" Jesse (8-4) vs. Lights Out Gym's Ryan Toves for 145-lb bout and the finale heavyweight main event between Trench Tech's Mylo "Bam Bam" Lassiter (4-1) and Gum's Pete "Big Mac" Miyasaki (1-0).

Other MMA matchups include Countershot's Josh "The Hedgehog" Alvarez (8-5) vs. "Tabi" Jay Muna (4-13) at 125lbs; Trench Tech up and comer Vince "The Clinch" Masga (2-0) vs. Mariana Elite pitbull Derrick "El Pelegro" Rangamar (5-8) at 145lbs; Countershot's Aaron Magbuhat (1-0-1) vs. Tinian Zeng Zung's Pete Cepeda (2-1) at 150lbs; Tinian independent fighter Ton Borja vs Trench Tech's Seong Ho Chung in a debut at 145lbs; and Trench Tech's Ronald Hermosilla vs. Zogai's Brandon "Commotion" Camacho (0-1) at 145lbs. Josh "Chaos" Duenas (2-3) is also expected to appear in ROP 12, but his opponent is yet to be determined.

A pair of boxing exhibitions kicks off the action in "Unstoppable" with Zalaka veteran Zac Reyes welcoming Guam's Countershot newcomer Julius Yangetmai in a 170-lb bout and Trench Tech's Juan Lansangan (1-0) battling another debuting figher, Lusion George of D.A.T. Gym for the 145-lb fight.

Four K-1 kickboxing matches are also scheduled in ROP 12, starting off with Countershot's Jared "Smiley Face" Santos (0-1) versus Zalaka's Jordan Manglona (0-1) at 120lbs and followed by Guam Muay Thai's Jeremy "Pacman" Javellana's debut against Trench Tech's Tavita Lueta (1-0) at 140lbs, Guam Muay Thai's Justin "JD" Dizon (0-1) over Danny Agulto at 140lbs, and Zeng Zung's Regino Mundo (4-0) versus Guahan's Sonny Chargualaf at 145lbs.

Female boxer Gianna Sarusal of Guam's Lights Out Gym is still in search for an opponent at 130lbs.

ROP 12 tickets will go on sale next week at Tha Trapp Urban Boutique, Docomo Pacific, Boarderline Skate Shop, and at the Trench Tech Gym on the seventh floor of the Marianas Business Plaza. Tickets cost $20 for general admission and $30 for VIP seating.

Swim Leg of the 2012 Tagaman Triathlon

Photos by ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Swimmers head back to the waters off Pacific Islands Club for the second lap of the 2-kilomer swim leg in last Saturday's 2012 Tagaman Triathlon.

Saipan's Mieko Carey, left, and Guam's Peter Lombard get out of the water after the first lap of the swim leg.

Tsunami Saipan's Ryosei Toda completes the first lap of the swim race.

Saipan's Dawn Hammermeister takes a shower before going to the swim-bike transition area.

Saipan's Tyce Mister moves out of the water.

Spectators watch United Kingdom's Jacqui Slack heads out of the swim area.

Australia's Ben Allen heads out of the swim area.

Eventual Tagaman men's champion Cedric Lassonde of France heads to the swim-bike transition area.

Saipan Swim Club's Victoria Chentsova, left, and Kento Akimaru, center, go for the second lap of the swim race, while volunteer Evan Hunsberger of Pacific Islands Club directs swimmers to run back to the waters.

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Eina leads pitching race in Jr. League

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Hawaiya Technologies, Inc. Ol'Aces' southpaw Terson Eina is all over the latest Saipan Little League Baseball statistics charts for Junior League released last Saturday.

Eina (3-0) has allowed just two earned runs in 14.1 innings off six hits through four games for an impressive 0.98 Earned Run Average. He is ahead of Jerald Cabrera (4ER/11.1IP/5H/2-0/2.47ERA/2G), Jonathan Camacho (5ER/12.1IP/11H/1-1/2.84ERA/3G), and Caleb Takao (5ER/11.1IP/17H/0-3.3.09ERA/3G). The statistics were based on at least 11 innings pitched.

Eina's 22 strikeouts topped the field with Red Sox's Nathan Camacho (14), Takao (12), Brel (10), Cedric Camacho (10), and Jonathan Camacho (10) still in pursuit.

In the batting category, Eina is second behind Saipan Shipping Company Jets' KJ Deleon Guerrero, who was 12-for-16 at bat for an average of .750 against the former's .714 (10-for-14). Others on the list were IT&E Fielders' Kainao Wanket (7-12/0.583), Aces' Jessie Brel (11-22/0.500), Bank Of Saipan Red Sox's Roke Tenorio (8-16/0.500) and Cabrera (9-19/0.474), Ol'Aces' Ben Maratita (8-17/0.471) and DPS Dare Program Leep Enforcers-trio Cedric Camacho (8-19/0.421), Takao (7-17/0.412), and Darion Jones (7-17/0.412). Two other players are swinging .400 or better and the statistics were based on at least 10 at bats.

Muna's eight RBIs lead the league ahead of Deleon Guerrero (7), Brel (7), Verlance Secharmedal (6), and Maratita (6). Muna also has the most

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The Ol' Aces' Terson Eina, seen here delivering a pitch in one of their games in the Junior League at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield, leads the pitching race in his division.

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Mister repeats as champ in Taga Kids

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Logan Mister duplicated the feat of his father, Tyce, when the former won his age group division in last Saturday's Taga Kids Triathlon.

Logan prevailed in the 9 to 12 age group race, completing the event held in the waters off Micro Beach and around the American Memorial Park in 28:08, more than two minutes ahead of Cole Chambers (30:39). Logan's victory came on the same day his father, Tyce, topped the 45 to 49 age group of the Tagaman Triathlon and was his second in a row as he ruled the same division last year with a time of 30:22, also against Chambers (33:32).

Joining Logan and Chambers in the Top 3 of the boys 9 to 12 division were Naoki Kasai and Lennosuke Suzuki, who posted identical times of 32:11. Three others competed in the division with Rinto Takahashi coming in at fourth with his 33:58 and Michael Thomas Villagomez and Ichiro Horimoto tied at fifth (36:13).

In the girls 9 to 12 division, Karen Sato defeated Maya Shimizu. Sato finished the race in 39:07, more than seven minutes ahead of Shimizu, who logged 46.48.

Other age group winners in the Taga Kids were Rintaro Miyawaki and Conatsu Kaga of the 6 to 8 division.

Miyawaki ruled the boys division with his combined time of 15:25, less than a minute faster than Akira Kadokura, who submitted 16:16. Taka Horimoto rounded out the Top 3 with his 16:57.

The boys 6 to 8 age group

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From left, Taga Kids boys 9 to 12 winner Logan Mister, runner-up Cole Chambers, and third placers Lennosuke Suzuki and Naoki Kasai pose for a group photo during the awards ceremony last Saturday at the Pacific Islands Club.

Bantamweight belt up for grabs in ROP 12

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Undefeated fighters, Mark "The Dark" Nuique (7-0) of Trench Tech and Zalaka's Joe Duenas (4-0) will dispute the bantamweight championship when Rites Of Passage 12 "Unstoppable" takes place on April 20 at the Royal Taga Ballroom of the Saipan World Resort.

The Nuique-Duenas duel is only one of the 15 fights featured in Trench Tech's offering for this month. A Guam versus Saipan grudge match is also in the mix, featuring Spike 22's Ricky Camp (3-0) and Marianas

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Wild Bill's, Tan Holdings still clean

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Wild Bill's is still unscathed in three games, following a 3-0 triumph over SKY FC last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Late goals in the first and second halves gave Wild Bill's a 3-0-0 win-draw-loss record in Division A for the lead against four other squads. SKY absorbed its second loss and has yet to make it to the win column as its first game of the season resulted in a draw.

Jack Thoensaket put Wild Bill's in the scoreboard, three minutes before the first half ended. Then in the second half, Dan Wollack scored in the 87th minute and one minute later, Naronchai Kamra also found the back of the net.

Paire 2, KFAS 1

In another Division A game last weekend, late goals also allowed Paire to slip past Korean Football Association on Saipan.

KFAS drew first blood when Sung Ho Kong scored in the 12th minute for their 1-0 halftime lead. KFAS hung

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Matansa and Tan Holdings players fall on the ground after colliding during the second half of their game in the NMIFA men's league last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.